

**PROCLAMATION BY THE MAYOR DECLARING
THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY**

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WHEREAS, the Phoenix City Code, Chapter 11, sections 11-1 et. seq. and Arizona Revised Statutes, section 26-311, empowers the Mayor to proclaim the existence of a local emergency, subject to concurrence by the City Council, in the case of an emergency threatening the lives, property or welfare of the City or its citizens; and

WHEREAS, as of March 15, 2020, the World Health Organization ("WHO") has reported approximately 174,603 confirmed cases of COVID-19 worldwide. More than 6,685 people have died from the virus. The number of confirmed cases has continued to escalate dramatically over a short period; and

WHEREAS, WHO officials now report that sustained human-to-human transmission of the virus is occurring. Transmission from an asymptomatic individual has been documented. Although most individuals infected with COVID-19 recover from the disease without special treatment, approximately 1 in 6 may become seriously ill; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, WHO declared the COVID-19 outbreak a public health emergency of international concern, and on January 31, 2020, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services declared a Public Health Emergency for the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") has determined that the virus presents a serious public health threat, requiring coordination among state and local health departments to ensure readiness for potential health threats associated with the virus; and

WHEREAS, the CDC has issued guidance to local and State health departments, including Phoenix, concerning risk assessment and public health management of persons with potential exposure to COVID-19. These guidelines require Phoenix to make extraordinary efforts to monitor ongoing communicable disease threats and prepare for management of individuals who may have been exposed to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Governor declared state of emergency for Arizona on March 11, 2020. And the Mayor has the power to make, amend, and rescind regulations necessary for emergency management, which are not inconsistent with regulations promulgated by the Governor; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor does hereby proclaim that the aforesaid conditions of a great emergency warrant and necessitate the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency to preserve the peace and order of the City,

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. I, Kate Gallego, Mayor of the City of Phoenix, proclaim the existence, effective immediately, of a great emergency within the City and declare a local emergency to exist.

SECTION 2. All City officers and employees shall take all steps requested by the City to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to prevent or alleviate illness or death due to the virus.

SECTION 3. All City officers and employees shall take all steps requested by the Director of Emergency Management to qualify the City for reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and for other state and federal relief as may be available to reimburse the City for the expenses it incurs in addressing this emergency.


SECTION 4. Effective immediately the City of Phoenix City Manager is authorized and directed to implement and to take those measures that are determined necessary and appropriate to protect and promote public health and safety. Those measures include taking all actions reasonable and appropriate to limit face-to-face interactions between City staff and members of the public; limiting or prohibiting public access to public buildings and facilities, including prohibiting or limiting public access to service counters and lobbies within City buildings.

SECTION 5. Because of the extreme peril to its residents and visitors, the cooperation of the state and federal government is requested to include

the area of the City of Phoenix in any emergency declaration and for all federal or state emergency funding or assistance.

SECTION 6. This declaration of a local emergency shall continue to exist until it is terminated by the Mayor or the City Council. All departments of the City of Phoenix are strictly ordered to cooperate with the requests for material and personnel resources from the City Manager or Mayor.

PROCLAIMED this 17th day of March 2020.



KATE GALLEGO
Mayor of the City of Phoenix

Attest: 

City Clerk

