

PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY FOR NOVEL CORONAVIRUS DISEASE EPIDEMIC COVID-19

WHEREAS, a Global outbreak, beginning in December 2019, of a Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) has spread to more than 75 countries including the United States and California, and

WHEREAS, on January 23, 2020, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention activated its Emergency Response System to provide ongoing support for the response to COVID-19 across the country, and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the International Health Regulations Emergency Committee of the World Health Organization declared the outbreak a “public health emergency of international concern”, and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services Secretary declared a public health emergency for the United States to aid the Nation’s healthcare community in responding to COVID-19, and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Governor of the State of California has proclaimed a state of emergency to help Californians prepare for the broader spread of COVID-19, and

WHEREAS, as of March 4, 2020, ten California counties, one city and one tribe have proclaimed a public health or local emergency in response to the outbreak and spread of COVID-19 within their communities, and

WHEREAS, as of March 5, 2020, there are over 100 confirmed cases in the United States, which includes 53 in California, with nearly 10,000 Californians across 50 counties in self-quarantine for monitoring as a result of potential contact with the virus, and

WHEREAS, Sacramento County has been working diligently to prevent the spread of the COVID-19, and to implement containment efforts through public messaging and education as well as proactive public health department activities, and

WHEREAS, if COVID-19 spreads within the Sacramento community then local resources may be exhausted; thereby requiring the assembly of additional resources as well as assistance through California’s mutual aid system, and

WHEREAS, the federal government has worked to contain the virus by imposing strict travel restrictions for people returning from mainland China as well as restrictions of travel from other highly impacted nations, as well as, pre-flight medical screenings of travelers from specific countries taking direct flights to the US, and

WHEREAS, the spread of the virus could impact the economy of the county due to illness-related absenteeism of those engaged in activities and businesses critical to the economy and infrastructure of the county, and

WHEREAS, Sacramento County must use all preventive measures, which will require access to available funding services, personnel, equipment, and facilities to respond to the COVID-19 virus, and

WHEREAS, preparing for and responding to all cases, confirmed or suspected, is critical in order to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 virus constitutes a potential epidemic under Section 2.46.030 of the Sacramento County Code that, by reason of its scale, is potentially beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities of Sacramento County and requires mutual aid to assist Sacramento County in mitigating the incident, and

WHEREAS, the Sacramento County Public Health Officer, in accordance with the authority vested in her, pursuant to Sacramento County Code Section 2.46.130, proclaimed a public health emergency in Sacramento County.

NOW, THEREFORE, the County Executive, of Sacramento County, in accordance with the authority vested in him, pursuant to County Code Section 2.46.120, finds that serious risk to the health and safety of persons and property exists within Sacramento County and **HEREBY PROCLAIMS A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY** in Sacramento County.



NAVDEEP S. GILL, County Executive
Sacramento County

3/5/2020
Date of Proclamation