

PROCLAMATION OF THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, section 2.52.100 of the Redlands Municipal Code empowers the Redlands City Manager in his capacity to the Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when the City is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity; and

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is a respiratory disease that may result in serious illness or death and is easily transmissible from person to person; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Public Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar declared a public emergency for the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) beginning on January 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 4 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom declared a state of emergency in the State of California due to the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the State; and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the San Bernardino County Public Health Officer and the Board of Supervisors declared a local health emergency to help ensure county government and the public are prepared for the possibility that COVID-19 will appear within the county; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak a global pandemic; and the CDC and Governor of the State of California issued recommendations to cancel or postpone gatherings of more than 20 people; and

WHEREAS, as of March 12, 2020, more than 120,000 people in more than 100 countries have been infected by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the Governor of the State of California issued Executive order, N-25-20, which, among other things, orders that all California residents are to "...heed any orders and guidance of state and local public health officials, including but not limited to the imposition of social distancing measures, to control the spread of COVID-19"; and

WHEREAS, on March 13 2020, President Donald J. Trump declared a national emergency in the United States due to the outbreak of COVID-19 in the Country; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 therefore has and will continue to cause conditions of peril to the health, safety, and welfare of persons and property in the City of Redlands; and

WHEREAS, preparing for, responding to, mitigating, and recovering from the spread of COVID-19 requires the City to divert resources form normal day-to-day operations, and has and

will continue to impose extraordinary requirements on and expense to the City; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services of the City of Redlands does hereby find:

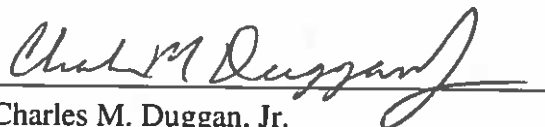
- The effects required to prepare for, respond to, mitigate, and recover from the increasing spread of COVID-19 have imposed, extraordinary requirements and expenses on the City, requiring diversion of resources from day-to-day operations; and
- In addition to the above facts, conditions or threatened conditions caused by COVID-19, including, but not limited to, potential isolation and quarantines of residents, employees, businesses, and public safety workers, give rise to conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within said City; and
- These conditions are, or are likely to be, beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the City of Redlands.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that a LOCAL EMERGENCY now exists throughout said City.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of the local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the Director of Emergency Services and the emergency organization of this City shall be those prescribed by State Law, ordinances, and resolutions of the City, and the City of Redlands' Emergency Plan; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that this local emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is proclaimed by the City Council.

March 16, 2020


Charles M. Duggan, Jr.
Director of Emergency Services
City of Redlands