

**CITY OF CORONA  
PROCLAMATION OF EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY  
BY DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES  
REGARDING NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PANDEMIC**

**WHEREAS**, California Government Code sections 8558 and 8630 empower the City of Corona (City) to proclaim the existence of a local emergency when the City is affected or likely to be affected by conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the City's territorial limits, which conditions are likely to go beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities of the City and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 2.52.110 of the Corona Municipal Code authorizes 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 conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the City, and the City Council is not in session; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 2.52.090 of the Corona Municipal Code designates the Fire Chief as the Director of Emergency Services; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 4, 2020, the Governor of California proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in California, as authorized by Government Code sections 8558(b) 8625(c), as a result of the spread of a novel coronavirus now known as COVID-19 to California; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of his proclamation, the Governor waived the requirement in Government Code section 8630(b), which requires a local governing authority to review the need for continuing the local emergency at least once every 60 days, for the duration of the statewide emergency, and further, has ordered that any local emergency that is proclaimed will remain in effect until each local governing authority terminates its respective local emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 8, 2020 the Riverside County Public Health Officer declared a local health emergency based on an imminent and proximate threat to public health from the introduction of COVID-19 in Riverside County; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 10, 2020, Riverside County proclaimed a local emergency due to the threat of COVID-19 in Riverside County; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic based upon the alarming levels of spread and severity of COVID-19, and by the alarming levels of inaction; and

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

1. That at the time of this Proclamation the Corona City Council is not in session; and
2. That there exists conditions of a disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the territorial limits of the City caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and as set forth in the Riverside County Public Health Officer's Declaration of a Local Health Emergency and County Local Emergency; and
3. That the aforementioned conditions are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the City and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat; and
4. That the aforesaid conditions warrant and necessitate the Proclamation of a Local Emergency.

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HERBY PROCLAIMED** that a local emergency exists throughout the City of Corona, commencing on or about the time and date of the signature of the Director of Emergency Services below.

**IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED** that during the existence of said local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the Director of Emergency Services and the emergency organization of the City shall be those prescribed by state law, by ordinances, resolutions, and approved plans of the City in order to mitigate the effects of said emergency; and

**IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED** that all City officials and employees cooperate and coordinate efforts with officials and employees of other political subdivisions, including those of the county, state and federal government, in bringing the present condition of the Local Emergency under control; and

**IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED** that the Local Emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist for the next seven (7) days, and thereafter as ratified by the Corona City Council, until its termination is proclaimed by the City Council of the City of Corona; and

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED** that a copy of this Proclamation be forwarded to the Director of the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services.

SIGNED AND SUBSCRIBED at 3:00 p.m. this 16<sup>th</sup> of March, 2020

  
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Brian Young  
Director of Emergency Services