

DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic is causing widespread human and economic impacts to unincorporated Boulder County, Colorado; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 Pandemic is causing a public health emergency in unincorporated Boulder County by generating multiple disruptions and impacts on healthcare infrastructure and continuity of Boulder County government that may cause delays or interrupt capacity to deliver necessary services; and

WHEREAS, the Boulder County Office of Emergency Management has advised the Board of County Commissioners of Boulder (Board) of a disaster (as the term is defined in the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act, § 24-33.5-701 *et seq.*, C.R.S.) currently present in the unincorporated area of Boulder, Colorado, to wit, the occurrence of imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from the COVID-19 Pandemic requiring emergency action to avert danger or damage; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate and in the interests of the public health and safety to rapidly address community spread of COVID-19 and subsequent cascading impacts such as economic distress, and would further protect the health and safety of the public, to declare an emergency in unincorporated Boulder County; and

WHEREAS, the cost and magnitude of responding to and recovery from the impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic is far in excess of Boulder County's available resources; and

WHEREAS, declaration of a local disaster emergency will assist and permit access to local emergency funds, Federal and State assistance, adjustments to policies, procedures, and ordinances to ensure the public's health and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Boulder County Emergency Manager and Boulder County Public Health Director have recommended that a local disaster be declared; and

WHEREAS, the Chair of the Board, as principal executive officer of Boulder County, is authorized to unilaterally declare a local disaster pursuant to § 24-33.5-709, C.R.S., and to activate the emergency management and operations plans and resolutions of Boulder County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. There is hereby declared to be a local disaster emergency in the unincorporated area of Boulder County, Colorado, to wit, the occurrence of imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury or loss of life or property, resulting from the COVID-19 Pandemic requiring emergency action to avert danger or damage.

2. The effect of this Declaration shall be to activate the response and recovery aspects of any and all applicable local and inter-jurisdictional disaster emergency plans and to authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance under such plans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the principal executive officers of all cities and towns in Boulder County affected by said disaster are urged to proclaim similar declarations and to cooperate with Boulder County as necessary to address the emergency conditions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Declaration shall be effective upon the date and time given below, and shall remain in effect for a period of seven days unless rescinded or extended by the Boulder County Board of County Commissioners prior to expiration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that true copies shall be promptly filed with the Boulder County Clerk and Recorder and the Colorado Division of Emergency Management, and shall be promptly distributed to the appropriate representatives of the news media.

Signed and effective this 14th day of March, 2020, at 2:10 p.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
BOULDER COUNTY, COLORADO

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "DEB GARDNER". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Deb Gardner, Chair