

Governor's Proclamation



STATE OF WYOMING EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT GOVERNOR PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, COVID-19 was first detected in Wuhan, China in 2019, and since then has spread to over 60 countries including the United States. There are 479 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Wyoming as of May 6, 2020 as well as the presence of community spread. It is certain that many more cases will be diagnosed. There have been 7 deaths in Wyoming related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Governor Mark Gordon declared a State of Emergency and Public Health Emergency in the State of Wyoming, stating that on March 11, 2020, an individual within the State of Wyoming tested presumptive positive for COVID-19 and the State of Wyoming is experiencing a public health emergency in response to the evolving COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, Article 3, Section 7 of the Wyoming Constitution authorizes the Governor of the State of Wyoming to convene the Wyoming Legislature in a special session in the case of a grave emergency in the affairs of the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Gordon, Governor of the State of Wyoming, by the authority vested in me by the Wyoming Constitution, do by this proclamation, call the Sixty-Fifth Legislature of the State of Wyoming into a First Special Session to be conducted electronically with the anchor location at the Wyoming State Capitol in Cheyenne, Wyoming on the 15th day of May, 2020, at 8:00 a.m. to consider:

1. appropriating the federal funds available from the United States government to assist states, political subdivisions, and impacted businesses and individuals in addressing issues raised by the COVID-19 emergency and issues caused by steps taken to abate the emergency;
2. amending and creating programs to be administered by the state for the purpose of helping businesses and residents impacted by the COVID-19 emergency;
3. providing assistance to certain Wyoming businesses and residents negatively affected by the COVID-19 emergency; and
4. providing state budgetary flexibility, retention and transfer of funds to prepare state and local governments for the public health emergency and resulting economic devastation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Executive Seal of the State of Wyoming to be affixed this 7th day of May, 2020.

A blue ink signature of Mark E. Gordon, written in a cursive style.

Honorable Mark Gordon
33rd Governor of the State of Wyoming