

PROCLAMATION OF THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY

CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH

March 16, 2020

WHEREAS, the California Emergency Services Act, Government Code section 8550, *et seq.*, authorize the proclamation of a local emergency when conditions of disaster or extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the territorial limits of a city exist; and

WHEREAS, Hermosa Beach Municipal Code section 2.56.050.A empowers the Mayor, the Mayor Pro Tem, or the City Manager, acting as the Director of Emergency Services, if neither the Mayor nor the Mayor Pro Tem are available, to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when the City is exposed to an actual or threatened existence of 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, the Mayor of the City of Hermosa Beach does hereby find as follows:

That there exists a global spread of a severe acute respiratory illness caused by a novel (new) coronavirus ("COVID-19"), an infectious virus that has resulted in the illness and death of several California residents, which the World Health Organization has described COVID-19 as a pandemic;

That the State of California and counties throughout California are reporting exposure of residents to COVID-19 and expect that the number of residents becoming ill from COVID-19 will increase;

That, due to the increase of reported cases associated with COVID-19, there is an imminent and proximate threat of introduction of COVID-19 in the City that threatens the safety and health of City residents and warrants a declaration of local emergency;

That a declaration of a local emergency will assist in a coordinated public health response to reduce transmission and illness severity, provide assistance to health care providers, coordinate and mitigate public services that may be disrupted from this emergency, and mitigate any other effects of this emergency on the citizens of the City;

That on March 4, 2020, California Governor Gavin Newsom declared a State of Emergency in response to the increased spread of COVID-19. Additionally, on March 4

2020, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the Department of Public Health all declared a local and public health emergency in response to increased spread of COVID-19 across the country and in Los Angeles County;

That the President of the United States has declared a federal emergency as a result of the spread of the COVID-19;

That on March 11, 2020, Los Angeles County announced the first death related to novel coronavirus (COVID-19);

That on March 12, 2020, California Governor Gavin Newsom ordered cancellation of gatherings over 250 statewide and further called for canceling or postponing even smaller gatherings where those attending cannot keep six feet apart from each other, and limiting groups of older or unhealthier people more vulnerable to the disease to no more than 10;

That it is anticipated that more restrictive protocols will be put in place;

That conditions of extreme peril or potential peril to the safety of persons and property exist, and the condition is beyond the capability of the local forces to control effectively; and

That the City Council of the City of Hermosa Beach is not in session (and cannot immediately be called into session).

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within the City caused by a public health emergency related to the COVID-19 virus; and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that a local emergency now exists throughout the City of Hermosa Beach as a result of the COVID-19 virus, and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that this proclamation shall be in effect for a period of seven days by which time it must be ratified by the City Council pursuant to Government Code section 8630;

AND HEREBY ORDERED during the existence of said local emergency that the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of this City shall be those prescribed by state law, by ordinances, and resolutions of this City, and by the City of Hermosa Beach Emergency Operations Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that all City officers and employees take all steps requested by the Director of Emergency Services to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to prevent or alleviate illness or death due to the virus; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED It is hereby proclaimed and ordered that a copy of this proclamation be forwarded to the Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management to be forwarded to the Director of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services requesting that the Director find it acceptable in accordance with State law; that the Governor of California, pursuant to the Emergency Services Act, issue a proclamation declaring an emergency in the City of Hermosa Beach under Los Angeles County; that the Governor waive regulations that may hinder response and recovery efforts; that response and recovery assistance be made available under the California Disaster Assistance Act; and that the State expedite access to State and Federal resources and any other appropriate Federal disaster relief programs.

3-16-20 11:35am

Date and Time

Mary Campbell

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Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michael Jenkins

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