



**PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY
BY THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES**

WHEREAS, Government Code section 8630, et. Seq., and Chapter 2.64 of the County Code of Amador empowers the Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when said county is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity and the County Board of Supervisors is not in session, subject to ratification by the Board of Supervisors within seven days and reaffirmation every 14 days thereafter until such local emergency is terminated; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services of the County of Amador does hereby find that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons has arisen within this county, caused by an outbreak of respiratory illness due to a novel coronavirus, a disease known as COVID-19, was first identified in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China, impacting more than 75 countries, including the United States; which began in December 2019; and,

WHEREAS, as of March 16, 2020, there are 3,499 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 66 confirmed fatalities in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, as of March 16, 2020, California has 426 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and three confirmed fatalities; and,

WHEREAS, the Amador County Director of Emergency Services and Public Health Officer find that an extreme threat to public health now exists in Amador County due to COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, concurrently with the issuance of this proclamation, the Public Health Officer for Amador County is declaring a local health emergency regarding COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, while there are no known cases of COVID-19 in Amador County as of the signing of this declaration, surrounding contiguous counties are reporting cases of COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the global situation of increasing COVID-19 cases as a pandemic with federal, state and local implications; and,

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the President of the United States issued an executive order to restrict all air travel of foreign nationals from Europe for a 30 day duration; and,

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the California Governor declared a state of emergency in response to the spread of COVID-19; and,

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WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Health and Human Services Secretary declared a public health emergency in response to COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, on January 24, 2020, the California Department of Public Health activated its Medical and Health Coordination Center and on March 2, 2020, the Office of Emergency Services activated the State Operations Center to support and guide state and local actions to preserve public health; and,

WHEREAS, all available preventative measures must be employed to combat the spread of COVID-19, which will require access to services, personnel, equipment, facilities, and other resources, all potentially exceeding what is currently available to the County, to prepare for and respond to additional local cases; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Amador is not in session and cannot immediately be called into session; and,

WHEREAS, that the aforesaid conditions of extreme peril warrant and necessitate the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED:

1. That a local emergency, as defined in Government Section 8558 now exists throughout the County of Amador.
2. During the existence of said local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the Director of Emergency Services and the emergency organization of the county shall be those prescribed by state law, and by ordinance and resolutions of this county approved by the Board of Supervisors in order to mitigate the effects of the local emergency.
3. That a copy of this declaration be forwarded to the Governor of California with the request that he proclaim the County of Amador to be in a state of emergency to include all eligible financial programs, including CDAA.
4. All County officers and employees shall take all steps requested by the Public Health Officer to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to prevent or alleviate illness or death due to the virus.
5. All County officers and employees shall take all the steps requested by the Public Health Officer to qualify the County for reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and for other state and federal relief as may be available to reimburse the County for the expenses it incurs in addressing this emergency.
6. This proclamation and its contents will be published and promulgated in as widespread a manner as reasonably feasibly under the conditions prevailing during this local emergency.

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3/17/2020.

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Director of Emergency Services

Date