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**A PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF
SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA BY THE DIRECTOR OF
EMERGENCY SERVICES**

BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, section 2.140.060 of "The Code of the City of Santa Clara, California" ("SCCC") empowers the Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a "local emergency" when the City of Santa Clara is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity, subject to ratification by the City Council within seven days;

WHEREAS, a novel coronavirus (named "COVID-19") was first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China in December 2019. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) considers the virus to be a very serious public health threat with outcomes ranging from mild sickness to severe illness and death. COVID-19 has spread globally over 114 countries, infected over 118,000 people and killed more than 4,000 individuals¹;

WHEREAS, On January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak a Public Health Emergency of International Concern;

WHEREAS, On January 31, 2020, the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services declared a Public Health Emergency;

WHEREAS, On January 31, 2020, the first case of COVID-19 was confirmed in the County of Santa Clara ("County");

WHEREAS, by March 4, 2020 the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the County had increased to eleven (11) with confirmed community spread, the California Department of Health Services reported its first death related to COVID-19, and the Governor of California declared a state of emergency;

¹ World Health Organization Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) Situation Report - 51
https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/situation-reports/20200311-sitrep-51-covid-19.pdf?sfvrsn=1ba62e57_4

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2020, the County issued guidance on social distancing, large event, and mass gathering closures;

WHEREAS, by March 6, 2020 the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the County had increased to twenty-four (24);

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020 the County Public Health Department announced the first death from COVID-19 and the Public Health Officer issued a mandatory order requiring the cancellation of mass gatherings of 1000 or more people in the County taking effect at 12:00 a.m. on March 11, 2020;

WHEREAS, by March 11, 2020 the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the County had increased to forty-eight (48);

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization made the assessment that COVID-19 can be characterized as a pandemic;

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020 the CDC issued recommendations for 30-day mitigation strategies for the County based on the current situation with COVID-19 transmission and affected health care facilities including the recommendation to cancel large gatherings e.g., greater than 250 people or move to smaller groupings;

WHEREAS, On March 11, 2020 the Governor of the State of California announced that California public health officials have determined that gatherings of more than 250 people should be postponed or canceled across the state until at least the end of March.

WHEREAS, the efforts required to prepare for, respond to, mitigate, and recover from the increasing spread of COVID-19 have imposed, and will continue to impose, extraordinary requirements and expenses on the City, requiring diversion of resources from day-to-day operations; and

WHEREAS, conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within the City of Santa Clara, caused by a COVID-19, commencing on or about March 11, 2020, at which time the City Council was not in session.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Director of Emergency Services hereby finds that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property do warrant and necessitate the proclamation of a local emergency.
2. That the Director of Emergency Services of the City of Santa Clara proclaims the existence of a local emergency within the City of Santa Clara on March 11, 2020.
3. That it is therefore proclaimed and ordered that the local emergency shall be ratified by the City Council within 7 days of this proclamation and will be reviewed at least every 30 days until termination is proclaimed by the City Council per Government Code 8630.
4. Effective date. This proclamation shall become effective immediately.

Date: 3/11/2020


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