

CITY OF HUGHSON

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

WHEREAS, California Government Code section 8630 and Hughson Municipal Code section 2.20.080 authorize the Director of Emergency Services for the City of Hughson to proclaim the existence of a local emergency when the City is affected or likely to be affected by conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the City; and

WHEREAS, Government Code section 8558(c) defines a local emergency as "the duly proclaimed existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the territorial limits of a county, city and county, or city, caused by conditions such as . . . epidemic . . . which are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of that political subdivision and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat . . ."; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.20.070 of the Hughson Municipal Code designates the City Manager as the Director of Emergency Services; and

WHEREAS, the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) is a respiratory disease first identified in China that may result in serious illness or death and is easily transmissible from person to person. As of March 13, 2020, it has been reported that COVID-19 has spread to over 90 countries including the United States, and is spreading to a growing number of California cities and counties; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020 the World Health Organization declared the outbreak a "public health emergency of international concern"; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Public Health and Human Services Secretary declared a public emergency for COVID-19, and on March 4, 2020 the Governor of the State of California proclaimed a State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, the first 3 cases with positive results have been identified in Stanislaus County; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the Stanislaus County Public Health Officer declared a local health emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom issued a new executive order further enhancing state and local government's ability to respond to COVID-19 Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the County of Stanislaus Director of Emergency Services proclaimed a Local Emergency due to the threat of COVID-19 in the County; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States, Donald Trump, declared a state of national emergency in response to the COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, World Health Organization officials report that sustained human-to-human transmission of

the virus is occurring. Transmission from asymptomatic individuals has been documented. Suspected community transmission of the virus is occurring in the United States. Although the majority of individuals infected with COVID-19 recover from the disease without special treatment, there is significant potential for serious infection and death; and

WHEREAS, the health, safety and welfare of Hughson residents, businesses, visitors and staff is of utmost importance to the City and additional future measures may be needed to protect the community; and

WHEREAS, the City may require additional assistance in the future, and a formal declaration of emergency allows additional resources to flow to the City in a timely fashion; and

WHEREAS, existing conditions related to the COVID-19 warrant the proclamation of emergency, as defined by Hughson Municipal Code Chapter 3-4.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED by the Director of Emergency Services of the City of Hughson that a local emergency exists.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED that during the existence of said local emergency, the powers, functions and duties of the Director of Emergency Services shall be those prescribed by state law and the ordinances and resolutions of this City.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED that this local emergency regarding COVID-19 is declared in order to empower the City to:

- Respond effectively to COVID-19;
- Seek and utilize mutual aid;
- Ensure the City is able to obtain reimbursement for its efforts in dealing with this local emergency, and
- Ensure that City of Hughson Staff has all the necessary tools and powers at their disposal to slow the spread of COVID-19.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED that this local emergency regarding COVID-19 is declared in order to empower the City to close the following City facilities to the public effective immediately:

- Hughson City Hall – 7018 Pine Street.
- Hughson Community Senior Center – 2307 4th Street.
- United Samaritan Foundation Center – 2413 3rd Street.
- Hughson Corporation Yard – 2301 1st Street.
- Hughson Wastewater Treatment Facility – 6700 Leedom Road.

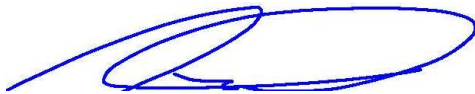
IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED that this local emergency regarding COVID-19 is declared in order to empower the City to institute the following measures during this period as follows:

- Utility customers shall use online services for utility payments or leave payments (no cash) in the outdoor drop box at Hughson City Hall.
- Only emergency building permits will be processed and issued by appointment only. The Community Development Director is granted discretion to process existing building permits that have already been submitted to the City.
- The reservation and use of City facilities (centers, parks, etc.) is hereby suspended until further notice. Existing reservations for City facility use that will occur prior to May 1, 2020 are hereby canceled and the applicants shall be refunded their deposits. Reservations for City

facilities use from and after May 1, 2020, may be subject to cancelation upon order of the City's Director of Emergency Services.

- All programs (e.g. senior, exercise, table tennis, etc.) at City facilities are hereby canceled until further notice.
- Local restaurants shall close if possible and if not, reduce occupancy by 50% maintaining a minimum spacing of six (6) feet between diners, tables and counters and are hereby authorized to offer food pick-up/to go dining options.
- All City events are hereby cancelled, including the Hughson Fruit and Nut Festival, Love Hughson, Citywide Cleanup, Citywide Yard Sale, Bike to Work/School, etc.
- All City Council (except 3/23/20), Planning Commission (except 3/17/20), Parks, Recreation and Entertainment Commission, Economic Development Committee, 2+2 City/Fire and 2+2 City/School publics meetings are hereby cancelled unless deemed necessary by the City's Director of Emergency Services.
- Participation of City staff in nonessential meetings and trainings are hereby canceled unless deemed essential by the City's Director of Emergency Services.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED that this Proclamation shall remain in effect for the next seven (7) days, and hereafter by ratification of the City Council.



RAUL MENDEZ
City Manager and
Director of Emergency Services

March 17, 2020

Date