

Proclamation of the City of Portola, County of Plumas, State of California, Proclaiming Existence of a Local Emergency by the Director of Emergency Services, Appointing an Assistant Director of Emergency Services, Delegating Certain Powers and Duties to the Assistant Director of Emergency Services and Authorizing the Assistant Director of Emergency Services to Exercise such Powers and Duties to Address COVID-19

WHEREAS, a novel coronavirus, COVID-19, causes infectious disease and was first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China in December 2019. Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, and shortness of breath; outcomes have ranged from mild to severe illness, and in some cases death.

WHEREAS, Chinese health officials have reported tens of thousands of cases of COVID-19 in China, with the virus reportedly spreading from person-to-person. COVID-19 illnesses, most of them associated with travel from Wuhan, are also being reported in a growing number of international locations, including the United States.

WHEREAS, the number of reported cases of COVID-19 has escalated dramatically over a short period of time, and on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the outbreak a "public health emergency of international concern" followed by a declaration on March 11, 2020, characterizing the outbreak as a "pandemic."

WHEREAS, WHO officials now 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.

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, United States Health and Human Service Secretary Alex M. Azar II declared a public health emergency for the United States to aid the nation's healthcare community in responding to COVID-19.

WHEREAS, on February 27, 2020, the CDC issued new guidelines to screen individuals suffering from a fever and/or signs/symptoms of lower respiratory illness (e.g. cough or shortness of breath) for COVID-19 for a history of travel from China, Iran, Italy, Japan, and South Korea as well as patients suffering from a fever with severe acute lower respiratory illness (e.g., pneumonia, ARDS) requiring hospitalization and without alternative explanatory diagnosis (e.g., influenza).

WHEREAS, this is a rapidly evolving situation and as of March 18, 2020 there are seven hundred and fifty-one (751) confirmed cases of COVID-19 in California and thirteen (13) confirmed fatalities in California, seven thousand seven hundred and fifteen (7,715) confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the United States and one hundred and twenty-five (125) confirmed fatalities in the United States, as well as two hundred and eighteen thousand six hundred and twenty-nine (218,629) confirmed cases of COVID-19 and eight thousand nine hundred and forty (8,940) fatalities worldwide.

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency to respond to COVID-19.

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, there are eight confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Placer County and one case in Shasta County, and on March 17, 2020 there are 12 confirmed cases in Washoe County, Nevada.

WHEREAS, there will be more confirmed cases in California from non-travel, community transmission due to the increase of these cases in the country, combined with the worldwide uncontrolled spread of COVID-19.

WHEREAS, approximately 28% of Plumas County's population is age 65 years or over, and older adults and individuals with underlying health conditions are particularly vulnerable to COVID-19.

WHEREAS, the Plumas County Public Health Officer declared a local health emergency on March 16, 2020 because the potential introduction of COVID-19 in Plumas County is a threat to the public health within the meaning of Health & Safety Code section 101080.

WHEREAS, the potential introduction of COVID-19 in the City of Portola is a threat to the public health and individual and community responses could put stresses and strains on the City's infrastructure and ability to provide critical services.

WHEREAS, these conditions are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the City.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Portola is not in session and cannot immediately be called into session.

WHEREAS, the aforesaid conditions are of extreme peril and warrant and necessitate the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency in accordance with and as authorized by Portola Municipal Code Section 2.32; and

WHEREAS, it would be prudent to appoint a person to the office of Assistant Director of Emergency Services and delegate certain powers and duties to that office.

WHEREAS, the City may proclaim a local emergency pursuant to California Government Code Sections 8630 -8634 and during periods of local emergency, the City has full power to provide

mutual aid to any affected area in accordance with local ordinances, resolutions, emergency plans, or agreements therefor, and state agencies may provide mutual aid to the City, and the City may promulgate orders and regulations necessary to provide for the protection of life and property, including orders or regulations imposing a curfew within designated boundaries where necessary to preserve the public order and safety. Such orders and regulations and amendments and rescissions thereof shall be in writing and shall be given widespread publicity and notice.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that in accordance with Portola Municipal Code Section 2.32 and California Government Code Sections 8630-8634 and in my capacity as the Director of Emergency Services, I hereby declare a local emergency due to conditions of extreme peril that COVID-19 and responses thereto pose to the safety of persons and property within the City of Portola.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that in accordance with Portola Municipal Code Section 2.32, the City's Director of Emergency Services is authorized to use and employ any of the property, services, personnel, and resources of the City, to command the aid of as many citizens as may be necessary to help mitigate this emergency and that County and State agencies may provide mutual aid, including personnel, equipment, and other available resources as needed to assist the City of Portola during this emergency.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that in accordance with Portola Municipal Code Section 2.32 and in my capacity as the Director of Emergency Services, I hereby appoint the City Manager to the office of Assistant Director of Emergency Services.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that in accordance with Portola Municipal Code Section 2.32 and in my capacity as the Director of Emergency Services, I hereby delegate to the Assistant Director of Emergency Services all the powers and duties of the Director of Emergency Services set forth in Portola Municipal Code Section 2.32 during the existence of the local emergency proclaimed herein and authorize the Assistant Director of Emergency Services to exercise all such powers and duties during the existence of the local emergency proclaimed herein.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of the City of Portola shall be those prescribed by state law, by ordinances, and resolutions of the City of Portola; and that this emergency proclamation shall expire seven (7) days after issuance unless confirmed and ratified by the City Council of the City of Portola.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that the local emergency proclaimed herein shall be reviewed by the City Council for the need to continue it at least once every sixty (60) days until the City Council terminates the local emergency and the City Council shall proclaim the termination of the local emergency at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant.

PROCLAIMED this 19th day of March, 2020



Mayor, City of Portola, Phil Oels

ATTEST:



Tara Kindall, City Clerk

I, Tara Kindall, City Clerk of the City of Portola, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing Proclamation was duly proclaimed by the Mayor of the City of Portola in his capacity as the Director of Emergency Services on March 19, 2020.



Tara Kindall, City Clerk

