

**ORDER DECLARING A DISASTER
IN AND FOR TOWN OF MOFFAT, COLORADO**

WHEREAS, the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act, Colorado Revised Statutes (C.R.S.) § 24-33.5-701, *et seq.*, provides procedures for statewide and local prevention of, preparation for, response to, and recovery from disasters; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-703(3), a "disaster" is defined to mean "the occurrence or imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from any natural cause or cause of human origin, including but not limited to fire, flood, earthquake, wind, storm, wave action, hazardous substance incident, oil spill or other water contamination requiring emergency action to avert danger or damage, volcanic activity, epidemic/pandemic, air pollution, blight, drought, infestation, explosion, civil disturbance, or hostile military or paramilitary action, or a condition of riot, insurrection, or invasion"; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709, a local disaster may be declared, "only by the principal executive officer of a political subdivision;" and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the Town of Moffat Board of Trustees is the principal executive officer of the Town of Moffat and, in the absence of the Mayor, the Mayor Pro tem is statutorily authorized to act as the principal executive officer; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709(1), the declaration of a local disaster "shall not be continued or renewed for a period in excess of seven days except by or with the consent of the governing board of the political subdivision;" and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709(1), any order declaring, continuing, or terminating a local disaster "shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the Town clerk and recorder;" and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709(2), the effect of declaring a local disaster "is to activate the response and recovery aspects of any and all applicable local and inter-jurisdictional disaster emergency plans and to authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance under such plans"; and,

WHEREAS, by declaring a local disaster, the Town of Moffat and Saguache County Disaster Policies are in effect; and,

WHEREAS, because of the COVID19 Pandemic, which occurred or began to occur on March 5, 2020, Saguache County and/or jurisdictions within its boundaries, is suffering or has suffered a disaster as defined under C.R.S. § 24-33.5-703(3); and,

WHEREAS, the cost and magnitude of responding to and recovering from the impact of this disaster continues to exceed Town of Moffat's available resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, by the Mayor of the Town of Moffat, County of Saguache, State of Colorado, that a disaster emergency is declared in and for the Town of Moffat, Colorado, beginning on March 16, 2020 and continuing on April 14, 2020 and ending on April 21, 2020, unless further extended by consent of the Town of Moffat Board of Trustees.

TOWN OF MOFFAT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MOFFAT, COLORADO

Mayor: Patricia Reigel

Date: _____

ATTEST:
CLERK AND RECORDER

Clerk: Sarah Van Horn

Date: _____