



**TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS, COLORADO**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-05**

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING A LOCAL DISASTER  
EMERGENCY DUE TO IMMINENT DANGER AND IMPACT OF  
THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19)**

WHEREAS, the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act, C.R.S. §24-33.5-701, et seq., procedures provide 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), "Disaster" means 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, air pollution, blight, drought, infestation, explosion, civil disturbance, hostile military or paramilitary action, or a condition of riot, insurrection, or invasion existing in the state or in any county, city, town, or district in the state; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. §24-33.5-703(3.5), "Emergency" means an unexpected event that places life or property in danger and requires an immediate response through the use of state and community resources and procedures; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. §24-33.5-703(4), "Emergency epidemic" means cases of an illness or condition, communicable or noncommunicable, caused by bioterrorism, pandemic influenza, or novel and highly fatal infectious agents or biological toxins; and

WHEREAS, C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709(1) authorizes the principle executive officer of a political subdivision to declare a local emergency; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the Town and its citizens are being impacted or are in imminent danger of being impacted by the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), which is a rapidly evolving situation and which may require unusual resources and actions to minimize such impacts; and

WHEREAS, the cost and magnitude of the incident and responding to and recovering from the impacts of COVID-19 may exceed the Town's available resources and may require extraordinary measures as described in C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709, including but not limited to the

activation of all applicable emergency plans and the activation of and access to all funding or other aid and assistance under such plans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DECLARED by the Town Council of the Town of Pagosa Springs, Colorado, that COVID-19 and the response thereto by the Town is a condition that constitutes an emergency and that the authorities, powers and procedures enumerated under C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709, et seq., shall be in effect as of the date and time of this Declaration. This Declaration shall not be continued or renewed for a period in excess of seven days except by the consent of the Pagosa Springs Town Council.

DATED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020,



Don Volger, Mayor

ATTEST:



April Hessman, Town Clerk

