

**A DECLARATION OF THE CITY OF MONTROSE, COLORADO,  
DECLARING A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

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

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Act, an “emergency” is 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 an “emergency epidemic” is cases of an illness or condition, communicable or non-communicable, caused by bioterrorism, pandemic influenza, or novel and highly fatal infectious agents or biological toxins; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709, a local disaster emergency may be declared unilaterally by the principal executive officer of a political subdivision, here the City Manager; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Montrose Municipal Code Chapter 1-22 “Response to Emergencies, Civil Emergencies, or Local Disasters”, in case of emergency the City Manager, or designee, is authorized to declare a civil emergency, emergency, or local disaster if the City Manager finds that the city or any part thereof is suffering from or is in imminent danger of suffering a natural or manmade civil emergency, emergency, or local disaster; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to § 24-33.5-709(1) and Montrose Municipal Code Section 1-22-6, the declaration of a civil emergency, emergency, or local disaster shall be in effect as determined by the City Manager for a period of up to seven (7) days. This period may be extended upon submission of a request by the City Manager and the approval of the City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to § 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 city clerk and with the office of emergency management”; and

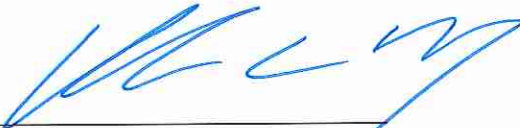
**WHEREAS**, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, which was recognized by the Governor of the State of Colorado on March 10, 2020, the City is addressing the need for preparation and response to mitigate the social and economic impacts on the Montrose community; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) has encouraged communities to take proactive measures to mitigate the spreading of the COVID-19 virus through actions such as social distancing and the limitation of public gatherings.


**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED**, on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020,

that a disaster emergency is declared in and for the City of Montrose, Colorado, beginning on this day and ending the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March, 2020, unless extended by action of the City Council.

INTRODUCED and ADOPTED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

  
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William E. Bell, City Manager

ATTEST:

  
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Lisa DelPiccolo, City Clerk

