RESOLUTION NO. 20-0039

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH PROCLAIMING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Government Code § 8630 and Municipal Code Chapter 3.08 provide that the City Council of the City of Manhattan Beach may proclaim the existence of a local emergency as defined by Government Code § 8558, subdivision (c); and

WHEREAS, in December 2019, an outbreak of respiratory illness due to a novel coronavirus (a disease now known as COVID-19), was first identified in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China, and has spread outside of China, impacting more than 75 countries, including the United States; and

WHEREAS, since the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") confirmed the first possible case of community spread of COVID-19 in the United States on February 26, 2020, there has been a significant escalation of United States domestic cases and deaths from COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Gavin Newsom, Governor of the State of California, proclaimed a state of emergency to exist in California due to the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, as of March 12, 2020, across the globe, there were more than 130,000 confirmed cases of COVID-19, tragically resulting in more than 4,000 deaths worldwide; and

WHEREAS, as of March 12, 2020, there were over 1,200 COVID-19 cases identified in the United States, including over 170 cases in California, and officials expect the number of cases in California, the United States, and worldwide to increase; and

WHEREAS, due to the expanding list of countries with widespread transmission of COVID-19, increasing travel alerts and warnings for countries experiencing sustained or uncontrolled community transmission issued by the CDC, the escalation of United States domestic cases of and deaths from COVID-19, and the identification of COVID-19 cases in California, COVID-19 has created conditions that are or likely to be beyond the control of local resources and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat; and

WHEREAS, the mobilization of local resources, ability to coordinate interagency response, accelerate procurement of vital supplies, use mutual aid, and allow for future reimbursement by the state and federal governments will be critical to successfully responding to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that these conditions warrant and necessitate that the City proclaim the existence of a local emergency,

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that a local emergency now exists throughout the City of Manhattan Beach; and

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the City Manager and the emergency organization of this City shall be those prescribed by state law, by ordinances, and resolutions of this City, and by the approved emergency plans of the City of Manhattan Beach.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that the local emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is proclaimed by the City Council of the City of Manhattan Beach, State of California.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this proclamation shall be forwarded to the Director of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services requesting that the Director find it acceptable in accordance with State law; that the Governor of California, pursuant to the Emergency Services Act; issue a proclamation declaring an emergency in Los Angeles County; that the Governor waive regulations that may hinder response and recovery efforts; that recovery assistance be made available under the California Disaster Assistance Act; and that the State expedite access to State and Federal resources and any other appropriate federal disaster relief programs.

ADOPTED on March 13, 2020.

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