## PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF LA MESA PROCLAIMING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, La Mesa Municipal Code Section 2.56.050 empowers the Director of Emergency and Disaster to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when City of La Mesa is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity and the City Council is not in session:

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Governor proclaimed a statewide emergency regarding the novel COVID-19 virus, which is incorporated herein and since that time conditions have continued to worsen;

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency and Disaster of the City of La Mesa does hereby find that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within the City of La Mesa, caused by the novel COVID-19 virus which continues to this date;

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

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

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

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that the Director of Emergency and Disaster, Assistant Director of Emergency and Disaster, who shall be appointed by the Director are hereby designated as the authorized representatives of the City of La Mesa for the purpose of receipt, processing and coordination of all inquires and requirements necessary to obtain available state and federal assistance;

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that a copy of this Proclamation be forwarded to the State Director of the Governor's Office of Emergency Services with a request that:

> 1. The State Director find the Proclamation acceptable in accordance with provisions of the California Disaster Assistance Act; forward this Proclamation, and request for a Presidential Declaration of Emergency, to the Governor of California for consideration and action; waive regulations that may hinder response and recovery efforts; and make all relevant funds available to the City of La Mesa and all eligible community members and businesses, including, but not limited to, aid provided by the Small Business Administration and aid made available by the California Disaster Assistance Act, to assist the City of La Mesa with an appropriate level of response, recovery, and mitigation measures.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said local emergency the powers, functions and duties of the emergency organization of this City shall be those prescribed by state law, ordinances, resolutions, and by the City of La Mesa Emergency Plan; and that this emergency proclamation shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is proclaimed by the City Council of the City of La Mesa.

Director of Emergency and Disaster Date and Time