

DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY AND ORDER OF EMERGENCY
MEASURES

RESOLUTION 20-005

WHEREAS, Mineral County is a political subdivision of the state of Nevada and is authorized under the powers granted under chapter 414 of the Nevada Revised Statutes and county code title 2.36.030 to declare an emergency;

WHEREAS, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are responding to an outbreak of a respiratory disease that has been named coronavirus disease 2019, abbreviated as COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic;

WHEREAS, the Honorable Governor Steve Sisolak has declared a state of emergency, finding that there are confirmed and positive cases of COVID-19 in the State of Nevada, “direct[ing] all state agencies to supplement the efforts of all impacted and threatened counties to save lives, protect property, and protect the health and safety of persons in this state,” activating the State Emergency Operations Center, suspending normal purchasing/procurement rules for state agencies, authorizing the Nevada Attorney General to investigate price-gouging, and instructing law enforcement to ensure people act in a lawful manner;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Trump issued a Proclamation, declaring that the COVID-19 outbreak constitutes a national emergency, beginning March 1, 2020, and freeing up federal funds and other resources to help supplement state and local efforts and capabilities to combat the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, The Board of Commissioners of Mineral County, Nevada, found that a state of emergency does exist due to the conditions arising from the ongoing and worldwide expansion and impact of the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, this pandemic virus has the potential to severely impact business and commerce within the borders of Mineral County, and all its towns and communities; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that all reasonable efforts be put forth by local county government, businesses, and individuals to mitigate, prepare for, respond to, and recover from this pandemic virus as quickly as possible.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mineral County Board of Commissioners that:

§1: A state of emergency does exist within Mineral County;

§2: This declaration of emergency is necessary in order to access federal and state funds to ensure necessary resources are available;

§3: This declaration shall take effect immediately and continue through April 30, 2020, or until such time that the emergency has been terminated;

§4: That to protect the public, the following emergency measures are ordered:

- A. Subject to, section B, below, all public buildings in Mineral County are closed to the public.
- B. The Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, District Attorney, Emergency Manager, Public Health Officer and Sheriff or their respective designees shall develop and implement procedures and processes to enact CDC and State guidelines for access to public buildings, information sharing, employee training and other COVID-19-related instruction.
- C. The District Attorney, Emergency Manager, and Public Health Officer shall perform and exercise such other functions, powers, and duties as are necessary to promote and secure the safety and protection of the civilian population.

§5: That to ensure the continuity of governance during this state of emergency, the following directives are issued to County departments and offices:

- A. That all County departments suspend purchases and expenditures other than those necessary for ongoing operations.
- B. That expenditures necessary for ongoing governmental operations be paid automatically upon approval of the Clerk-Treasurer and Recorder-Auditor.
- C. That department heads and elected-officials have the discretion to grant administrative leave to employees for temporary reductions in force or absences related directly to the COVID-19 health crisis.
- D. The Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, District Attorney, Emergency Manager, Public Health Officer and Sheriff or their respective designees shall develop and implement procedures and processes to exercise the functions and duties as necessary to ensure ongoing governmental functions.

This Declaration of Emergency is adopted this 18th day of March, 2020, by the following vote:

VOTE: Ayes: Commissioner Hegg
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Price

Nayes: Commissioner Ø

Absent/Abstain: Commissioner Ø

ATTEST Chris Nepper by B. Jones
Chris Nepper, Mineral County Clerk