

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASADENA,
CALIFORNIA RATIFYING THE HEALTH OFFICER'S DECLARATION OF
A LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY – NOVEL CORONAVIRUS
ISSUED MARCH 4, 2020

WHEREAS, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) has confirmed multiple cases of individuals who have severe respiratory illness caused by a novel coronavirus, called COVID-19, as well as deaths caused by this illness; and

WHEREAS, according to the CDC, there is currently no vaccine to prevent coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), and no specific antiviral treatment recommended for COVID-19 at this time; and

WHEREAS, there is an imminent and proximate threat of the introduction of COVID-19 in the City of Pasadena and a threat to the public health of City residents; and

WHEREAS, California Health and Safety Code Section 101080 authorizes a local health officer to declare a local health emergency in the health officer's jurisdiction or any part thereof, whenever the health officer reasonably determines that there is an imminent and proximate threat of the introduction of any contagious, infectious, or communicable disease; and

WHEREAS, the City's Health Officer issued a Declaration of Local Health Emergency – Novel Coronavirus on March 4, 2020, pursuant to the authority cited above; and

WHEREAS, California Health and Safety Code Section 101080 requires the City Council to ratify a local health emergency if it is to remain in effect longer than seven days, and to review the need for continuing the local health emergency at least every 30 days until the local health emergency is terminated; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the Declaration of Local Health Emergency issued on March 4, 2020, is attached to this resolution and the City Council has received a report on the conditions described therein.

N OW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Pasadena hereby resolves that the Declaration of Local Health Emergency issued by the Health Officer on March 4, 2020, is hereby ratified and confirmed by the City Council; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that said local health emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is proclaimed by the City Council of the City of Pasadena.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pasadena on the 9th day of March, 2020, by the following vote:


AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Lisa Hosey
Assistant City Attorney

Mark Jomsky, CMC
City Clerk

DECLARATION OF LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY – COVID-19

WHEREAS, the United States has confirmed cases of individuals who have severe respiratory illness caused by a novel coronavirus, called COVID-19, as well as deaths caused by this illness; and

WHEREAS, On January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak a “public health emergency of international concern,” and on January 31, 2020, the US Department of Health and Human Services declared a “public health emergency” for the United States; and

WHEREAS, The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued guidance to local health departments, including the City of Pasadena Public Health Department (“PPHD”), that requires PPHD to make extraordinary efforts to monitor and manage ongoing COVID-19 risk including monitoring individuals who may have been exposed to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the CDC has confirmed possible community spread of COVID-19 in the State of California; and

WHEREAS, there is an imminent and proximate threat of the introduction of COVID-19 in the City of Pasadena and a threat to the public health of City residents; and

WHEREAS, California Health and Safety Code Section 101080 authorizes a local health officer to declare a local health emergency in the health officer’s jurisdiction or any part thereof, whenever the health officer reasonably determines that there is an imminent and proximate threat of the introduction of any contagious, infectious, or communicable disease, chemical agent, non-communicable biological agent, toxin, or radioactive agent.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City of Pasadena Health Officer hereby declares the existence of a local health emergency within the City of Pasadena.

Dated: March 4, 2020, at Pasadena, California.



Ying-Ying Goh, MD, MSHS
Health Officer

ATTEST:

Mark Jomsky, CMC
City Clerk