

**PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY
BY COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

In the Matter of Proclaiming the Existence)
of a Local Emergency within Monterey County)

WHEREAS, the California Emergency Services Act (Government Code section 8630, et. seq.) establishes procedures for proclaiming emergencies and for responding promptly to the needs that arise during emergencies; and,

WHEREAS, Section 2.68.060 of the Monterey County Code and Section 8630 of the Government Code empower the County Administrative Officer or his designee, or the Board of Supervisors if in session, to proclaim the existence of a local emergency when the County is affected by or likely to be affected by a public calamity; and,

WHEREAS, the United States has confirmed cases of individuals who have a severe acute respiratory illness caused by a novel (new) coronavirus ("COVID-19" or "the virus") first detected in Wuhan, Hubei Province, People's Republic of China in December of 2019; and,

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) officials now report that sustained human-to-human transmission of the virus is occurring and transmission from an asymptomatic individual has been documented. Although most individuals infected with COVID-19 recover from the disease without special treatment, some may become seriously ill, particularly those with compromised immune systems or underlying health issues; and,

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, WHO declared the COVID-19 outbreak a public health emergency of international concern, and on January 31, 2020, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services declared a Public Health Emergency for the United States; and,

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") has determined that the virus presents a serious public health threat, requiring coordination among state and local health departments to ensure readiness for potential health threats associated with the virus; and,

WHEREAS, the CDC has issued guidance to local and State health departments, including Monterey County's Department of Public Health (MCDPH), concerning risk assessment and public health management of persons with potential exposure to COVID-19. These guidelines require MCDPH to make extraordinary efforts to monitor ongoing communicable disease threats and prepare for management of individuals who may have been exposed to COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, MCDPH, the Office of Emergency Services (OES), and other County and City partners have been working successfully and diligently to implement CDC guidelines, but now require additional tools and resources to protect the public health given the current state of the epidemic and the need for a sustained response; and,

WHEREAS, the Monterey County Director of Public Health has determined that MCDPH cannot comply with the CDC's guidance without immediate action beyond the County's ordinary response capabilities, including directing personnel and resources from other County departments to assist with the ongoing and developing threat of COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, the aforesaid conditions warrant and necessitate the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency and immediate action is necessary to mitigate potential public calamity, and,

WHEREAS, the County Administrative Officer has made every reasonable effort to confer with one or more members of the Board of Supervisors.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS PROCLAIMED AS FOLLOWS:

1. A local emergency, as defined in Government Section 8558c, now exists throughout the County of Monterey.
2. During the existence of said local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the County Administrative Officer or his designee, the Monterey County Health Officer, the Monterey County Health Department, and the Emergency Organization of Monterey County shall be those prescribed by State law and the ordinances, resolutions, and approved plans of the County of Monterey in order to mitigate the effects of the local emergency.
3. Pursuant to Public Contract Code Sections 20134, 22050, and 20395, the Resource Management Director, or designee, is hereby authorized to engage independent contractors to complete all necessary work to mitigate the effects of said local emergency. Contracts for this work may be executed without prior Board approval of the plans, specifications, and working details, without giving notice for bids to let contracts.
4. Charles J McKee, or his designee, is hereby designated as the authorized representative for public and individual assistance of the County of Monterey for the purpose of receipt, processing, and coordination of all inquiries and requirements necessary to obtain available state and federal assistance.

It is further ordered that:

- (1) All County officers and employees take all steps requested by the Director of Public Health and by CAO, Charles J. McKee, to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to prevent or alleviate illness or death due to the virus; and,
- (2) All County officers and employees take all steps requested by the Director of Public Health to qualify the County for reimbursement from the State (CalOES) or Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and for other state and federal relief as may be available to reimburse the County for the expenses it incurs in addressing this emergency.

SIGNED AND SUBSCRIBED this 6th day of March, 2020, at Salinas, California.



Charles J. McKee
County Administrative Officer