

## RESOLUTION

NO. 2020-09

### DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY

**WHEREAS**, the Novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic is causing widespread human and economic impacts to unincorporated Logan County, Colorado; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 a “pandemic;” and on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States issued a Federal Emergency Declaration for the Coronavirus pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 Pandemic is causing a public health emergency in unincorporated Logan County by generating multiple disruptions and impacts on healthcare infrastructure and continuity of Logan County government that may cause delays or interrupt capacity to deliver necessary services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Logan County Office of Emergency Management has advised the Board of County Commissioners of Logan (Board) of a disaster (as the term is defined in the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act, § 24-33.5-701 *et seq.*, C.R.S.) currently present in the unincorporated area of Logan, Colorado, to wit, the occurrence of imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from the COVID-19 Pandemic requiring emergency action to avert danger or damage; and

**WHEREAS**, it is appropriate and in the interests of the public health and safety to rapidly address community spread of COVID-19 and subsequent cascading impacts such as economic distress, and would further protect the health and safety of the public, to declare an emergency in unincorporated Logan County; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost and magnitude of responding to and recovery from the impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic is far in excess of Logan County’s available resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the economic cost and magnitude of the State ordered closing of all restaurants, bars, gyms and theaters by Governor Jared Polis; and

**WHEREAS**, declaration of a local disaster emergency will assist and permit access to local emergency funds, Federal and State assistance, adjustments to policies, procedures, and ordinances to ensure the public’s health and welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, an Emergency Declaration allows Logan County to be able to take proactive measures and activate our Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) to better respond to the impacts of the COVID-19 event; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has remotely activated its Emergency Operations Center, and the Board of County Commissioners now seeks to declare a local disaster, in addition to other steps outlined below, to address the COVID-19 outbreak; and

**WHEREAS**, the School District announced plan for a short-term closure of the schools to include the Spring Break period of March 16, 2020 through March 20, 2020, plus an additional one week period, through March 27, 2020, Northeastern Junior College has also extended spring break one week there assessing further actions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Logan County Emergency Manager and Northeast Colorado Public Health Director have recommended that a local disaster be declared; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chair of the Board, as principal executive officer of Logan County, is authorized to unilaterally declare a local disaster pursuant to § 24-33.5-709, C.R.S., and to activate the emergency management and operations plans and resolutions of Logan County. 9

#### **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. There is hereby declared to be a local disaster emergency in the unincorporated area of Logan County, Colorado, to wit, the occurrence of imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury or loss of life or property, resulting from the COVID-19 Pandemic requiring emergency action to avert danger or damage.

2. The effect of this Declaration shall be to activate the response and recovery aspects of any and all applicable local and inter-jurisdictional disaster emergency plans and to authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance under such plans.

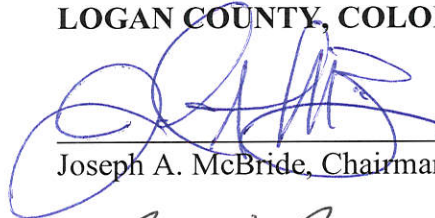
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the principal executive officers of all cities and towns in Logan County affected by said disaster are urged to proclaim similar declarations and to cooperate with Logan County as necessary to address the emergency conditions.

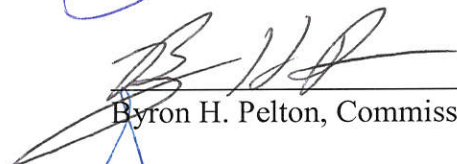
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Declaration shall be effective upon the date and time given below, and shall remain in effect for a period of seven days unless rescinded or extended by the Logan County Board of County Commissioners prior to expiration.

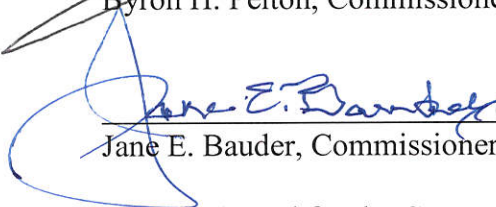
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that true copies shall be promptly filed with the Logan County Clerk and Recorder and the Colorado Division of Emergency Management, and shall be promptly distributed to the appropriate representatives of the news media.

**ADOPTED** on Tuesday, the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

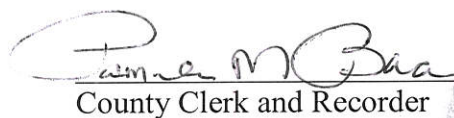
**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LOGAN COUNTY, COLORADO**

  
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(Aye)(Nay)  
Joseph A. McBride, Chairman

  
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(Aye)(Nay)  
Byron H. Pelton, Commissioner

  
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(Aye)(Nay)  
Jane E. Bauder, Commissioner

I, Pamela M. Bacon, County Clerk and Recorder in and for the County of Logan, State of Colorado, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Logan and State of Colorado, in regular session on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

  
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County Clerk and Recorder

