

**ORDER CONTINUING A LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY IN AND FOR  
THE TOWN OF CROOK**

**WHEREAS**, the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act, C.R.S. § 24-33.5-701, et seq. (the "Act"), provides procedures for statewide and local prevention of, preparation for, response to, and recovery from disasters and emergencies; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Act, an "emergency" is an unexpected event that places life or property in danger and requires an immediate response through the use of state and community resources and procedures, and an "emergency epidemic" is cases of an illness or condition, communicable or noncommunicable, caused by bioterrorism, pandemic influenza, or novel and highly fatal infectious agents or biological toxins; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709, a local disaster emergency may be declared unilaterally by the principal executive officer of a political subdivision, here the Mayor;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709, the declaration activates the response and recovery aspects of any applicable disaster emergency plans and authorizes the furnishing of aid and assistance under such plans; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709(1), the declaration of a local emergency shall not be continued or renewed for a period in excess of seven (7) days except by action of or with the consent of the Board of Trustees; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709(1), any order declaring, continuing, or terminating a local disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the town clerk and with the office of emergency management; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 10, 2020, the Governor of the State of Colorado issued a Declaration of Statewide Emergency in response to the Novel Coronavirus 2019 Pandemic ("COVID-19 Pandemic"); and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 Pandemic is causing widespread human and economic impacts to the State of Colorado and Town of Crook requiring emergency action to avert danger and damage; and

**WHEREAS**, it is appropriate and in the interest 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 the Town of Crook; and

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

**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;

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Nikki Schneider unilaterally declared a local disaster emergency on March 26, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees for the Town of Crook ("Board") finds that the aforesaid circumstances justify the declaration of a local disaster emergency;

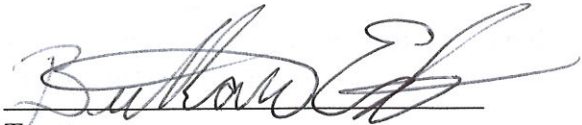
**IT IS FURTHER RESOVLED** that until further notice, Town Hall shall remain closed to the public except for Town Staff, elected officials, and election officials and judges. The public shall be allowed to drop off mail ballots in the ballot box in the entry of Town Hall. The Town will continue to provide essential services to the community, including water and sewer utilities. If the public has nonessential business with the Town, they are encouraged to call 970-886-2222 or email townofcrook@haxtuntel.net.

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Order shall be given prompt and general publicity filed immediately with the Town Clerk, and a copy of it shall be sent to the Colorado Office of Emergency Management.

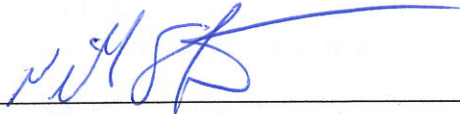
Signed this 1st of April 2020.



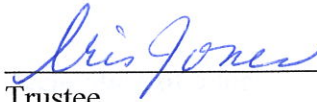
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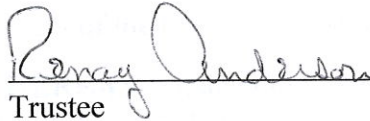
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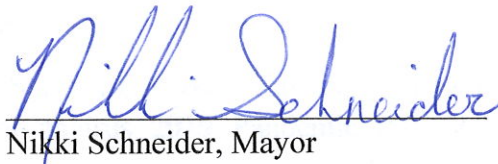
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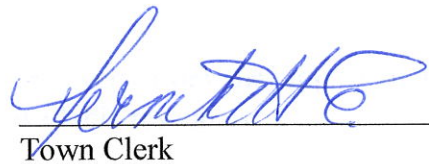


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Nikki Schneider, Mayor

I, Teresa Kettle, Clerk in and for the Town of Crook, State of Colorado, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Crook and State of Colorado, at the special meeting held this 1st day of April, 2020



Town Clerk