



## **PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Prescott passed Resolution Number 2716, empowering the Mayor and City of Prescott to declare a proclamation of an emergency or local emergency, in accordance with A.R.S. Section 26-311; and,

**WHEREAS**, the undersigned has the authority to determine that an emergency exists within the City limits of the City of Prescott due to fire, conflagration, flood, earthquake, explosion, war, bombing, acts of the enemy or any other natural or manmade calamity or disaster, or by reason of threats, occurrences of riots, routs, affrays, or other acts of civil disobedience which endanger life or property within the City of Prescott; and,

**WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern on January 30, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services declared a Public Health Emergency related to COVID-19 outbreak on January 31, 2020, and the World Health Organization officially declared a pandemic due to COVID-19 on March 11, 2020; and,

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 was first discovered in Wuhan, China, and is known to cause respiratory illness, which can result in severe disease complications and death; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Arizona Department of Health Services has determined the existence of cases of COVID-19 in the State of Arizona, including cases spreading in the community; and,

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 poses a serious public health threat for infectious disease to spread to Arizona and Prescott area residents and visitors; and,

**WHEREAS**, Arizona Governor Douglas A. Ducey declared that a State of Emergency exists in the State of Arizona due to COVID-19 outbreak on March 11,



2020 and corresponding Executive Order 2020-07 providing for Proactive Measures to Protect Against COVID-19 ; and,

**WHEREAS**, the President of the United States, Donald J. Trump, declared a national emergency on March 13, 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic in the United States, implicating emergency executive powers under the Stafford Act; and,

**WHEREAS**, as of the time and date of execution of this Proclamation of Emergency, the Center for Disease Control has recommended against allowing gatherings of more than fifty (50) people and the White House has recommended against allowing groups of more than ten (10) people; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Prescott continues to plan and prepare for event and facility closures, modified staffing plans, work-from-home programs, and enhanced communications to employees in order to ensure effective continuity of operations of City Government; and,

**WHEREAS**, the undersigned has determined that the COVID-19 outbreak in Arizona has caused or threatens to cause injury, damage, and suffering to persons and property located in the City of Prescott, Yavapai County, Arizona; and,

**WHEREAS**, emergency management measures are required to reduce the severity of the COVID-19 outbreak and to protect the health, safety and welfare of people and property located in the City of Prescott.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, GREG L. MENGARELLI, MAYOR FOR THE CITY OF PRESCOTT**, do hereby declare that pursuant to City of Prescott Resolution Number 2716 and A.R.S. Section 26-311, an emergency does exist due to the COVID-19 pandemic, effective immediately and said emergency shall cease upon a duly filed Withdrawal of the Proclamation of Emergency.



**FURTHER**, Prescott residents and businesses are urged to cooperate with this emergency declaration, and to every degree possible, abide by safety announcements, advisories, and restrictions established by the Yavapai County Health Department, the Arizona Department of Health Services and the Federal Center for Disease Control.

Certain City facilities will remain open, but programs, events and activities that are not essential will be cancelled, suspended and/or postponed; and, facility closures, programs, events and activities will be continually monitored on an ongoing basis.

I direct the Prescott City Manager, or his designees, to coordinate activities of the emergency response, to take all appropriate action needed to proactively take necessary protective measures and to alleviate the effects of the COVID-19 outbreak, to aid in restoration of essential public services, to make emergency procurements, hire temporary employees, initiate curfews, and to take any and all action deemed necessary to respond to this emergency.

DATED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020, at \_\_\_\_\_, o'clock, \_\_.m.

ATTEST:

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SARAH M. SIEP, City Clerk

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GREG L. MENGARELLI, Mayor

APPROVED TO FORM:

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MATTHEW PODRACKY,



Interim City Attorney