

RESOLUTION NO. 05-2020

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF IGNACIO, COLORADO DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE TOWN OF IGNACIO, COLORADO

WHEREAS, §24-33.5-709 of the Colorado Revised Statutes (C.R.S.) provides that the principal executive officer of a political subdivision, in this case, the Mayor for the Town of Ignacio, is authorized to declare a local disaster; and

WHEREAS, pursuant §24-33.5-709, C.R.S., the local disaster declaration shall not be continued or renewed for a period in excess of seven days except by approval of the Town Board of Trustees as the governing body of the Town; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a highly contagious virus that originated in China and has since spread to numerous countries around the world, including the United States; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 a “public emergency of international concern”; and on March 11, 2020, declared it a global pandemic. On January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services declared the virus a public health emergency and on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States issued a Proclamation that the “COVID-19 outbreak constitutes a national emergency.” In Colorado, Governor Polis issued an Executive Order declaring a state of disaster emergency due to the presence of the COVID-19 in Colorado on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, as of March 16, 2020, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) has confirmed 131 cases of COVID-19 within the State of Colorado and public health experts anticipate that, due to the contagiousness of the illness and the fact that numerous travelers from around the world visit the Health District, La Plata and Archuleta counties are at higher risk of COVID-19 spread; and

WHEREAS, the Health Officer of the San Juan Basic Public Health Department (SJBPH Dept.) has stated that without appropriately responding to the illness, numbers of cases in the Health District will rise, and may result in serious illness or death for certain members of the community, and may also affect community functioning in terms of work attendance, school attendance, and the like; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to §24-33.5-709 and §25-1-506(3), C.R.S., the presence of COVID-19 in the Health District is an imminent threat to the health and wellbeing of La Plata and Archuleta County residents and visitors, requiring emergency action to avert illness and possible death, as seen in other parts of the nation and world; and

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

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the SJBPH Department Board passed a Declaration approving a Public Health Local Disaster Emergency (Declaration Number 2020-001); and

WHEREAS the Town of Ignacio Board of Trustees is in support of the SJBPH Department's Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the Town of Ignacio finds that approval of this Resolution is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens and visitors of the Town of Ignacio and therefore declares this Resolution to be effective immediately pursuant to §24-33.5-709, C.R.S..

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF IGNACIO, COLORADO AS FOLLOWS:

- 1) The Mayor of the Town of Ignacio hereby declares that there is a local disaster emergency in the Town of Ignacio, that the occurrence or imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from the COVID-19 virus, will require emergency action to avert danger or damage.
- 2) The effect of this declaration of local disaster emergency 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.
- 3) This Resolution shall be effective upon the date and time given below, and shall remain in effect for a period not to exceed seven days thereafter, except by or with the consent of a majority of the members of the Board. Copies of this signed Resolution will be filed promptly with the Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and the La Plata County Clerk and Recorder, the Town Clerk, and shall be given prompt and general publicity.


ADOPTED THIS 19th DAY OF MARCH, 2020.

TOWN OF IGNACIO, COLORADO



Stella Cox, Mayor

Attest:



Tuggy Dunton, Town Clerk