



**TOWN OF CLIFTON
EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION
DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, A.R.S. § 26-311 authorizes the Mayor of the Town of Clifton, Arizona or his/her designee to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when the Town of Clifton is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity; and

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, was first detected in Wuhan Town, Hubei Province, China in December 2019, and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) considers this virus to be a significant public health threat that has, and continues to spread globally; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 illness a public health emergency of International concern and on January 31, 2020 the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency due to the COVID-19 illness; and

WHEREAS, the Town continues to plan and prepare for event and facility closures, modified staffing plans, work-from-home programs, and enhanced communications to employees to ensure effective continuity of operations of town government through the activation of the town continuity of operations plan; and

WHEREAS, prudence requires that precautionary measures be taken proactively due to the widespread nature of COVID-19 and its threat to public health, safety, and welfare as referenced in the Governor's Declaration of Emergency, and that impacts from the same threaten public health and safety and the economic recovery of Clifton; and

WHEREAS, the widespread nature of COVID-19 constitutes immediate threat to life, public health, safety, and welfare, and to the economic recovery of Clifton; and

WHEREAS, this local declaration of emergency will help ensure the economic recovery of Clifton; and

WHEREAS, the immediate threat of COVID-19 is widespread across the State and precautionary measures are necessary to curtail the imminent impact on numerous homes and businesses in Clifton because it is a threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the general public in Clifton; and

WHEREAS, the above facts give credence to the conditions of extreme peril and public health emergency; and the declaration of a local emergency will enable the Town of Clifton to provide emergency resources, request additional resources and receive mutual aid from other political subdivisions and entities.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that a local emergency now exists in the Town of Clifton, and

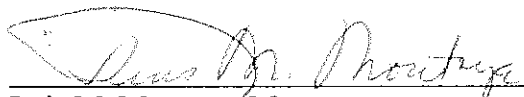
IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of this Town shall be those prescribed by State Law, by Ordinances, and Resolutions of the Town of Clifton. Citizens are urged to cooperate with this emergency declaration and, to every degree possible, abide by the safety announcements, advisories, and restrictions established by the Town of Clifton and to cooperate with the community's public safety agencies and emergency services personnel.

Essential town facilities will remain open for the time being but programs, events, and activities that are not essential will be suspended until further notice. Further details regarding suspended programs, events, and activities will be forthcoming.

Closures of Town facilities may occur as needed in the future and the Town will monitor those needs on an ongoing basis.

PURSUANT TO A.R.S. §38-431.02, as amended, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the general public that during the declared State of Emergency a possible quorum of the Clifton Town Council may be in attendance during periodic incident debriefs, however, no formal discussion/action will be taken by members in their role as the Clifton Town Council.

Dated this 16th day of March 2020



Luis M. Montoya, Mayor