**Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**CITY COUNCIL AFFIRMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY DECLARATION COVID-19**

**WHEREAS**, the President of the United States and the Governor of the state of Idaho have declared a health emergency related to the threat of Covid-19, and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Idaho Code § 46-1011 the Mayor of the City of Downey has declared a local disaster emergency on the 22ND day April, 2020 due to the threat of Covid-19; and

**WHEREAS**, said declaration sets forth legal and factual considerations in support of such declaration, and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Downey recognizes the imminent threat of widespread and severe harm to the health of residents and visitors to the City of Downey as addressed by the Centers for Disease Control and by actions of the Governor of the state of Idaho , and

**WHEREAS**, such declaration activates the response and recovery aspects of applicable local or intergovernmental disaster emergency plans for the furnishing of aid and assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, the emergency referenced herein exists because the contagious nature and potentially serious consequences of the COVID-19 virus for residents and visitors to the City of Downey and requires state emergency assistance to supplement local efforts to protect life, health and property; and

**WHEREAS**, Idaho Code § 67-2808 authorizes the Council of the City of Downey to declare an emergency and that the public interest and necessity may demand the immediate expenditure of public money without compliance with formal bidding procedures; and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency declaration must be filed with the county recorder’s office and “given prompt and general publicity.”

**NOW THEREFORE**, the City Council of the City of Downey does hereby declare:

That a Local Disaster Emergency exists and that all efforts will be made to protect the citizens and property of the City of Downey through activation of all local disaster emergency plans and state emergency assistance; and

That this Local Disaster Emergency shall continue until the Centers for Disease

Control and the Governor of the State of Idaho sound an end to the emergency and the

City Council expressly authorizes the discontinuance of such Declaration; and

Pursuant to this Resolution the following steps are expressly authorized in furtherance of the foregoing disaster emergency declaration:

**The method of holding City Council meetings will be changed to**

**Teleconference meetings. The telephone number and access code to enter the public meeting will be posted on the Agenda for any scheduled City Council Meetings.**

**The City Office will be closed to the public. City Office hours and staff will be limited to only those deemed essential for City operations.**

**Utility payments and fees can be paid online, mailed, or placed in the payment box on the side of the City Office building. Cash payments will be received through the City Office door.**

**Utility Deposit Applications, Livestock Permits, Name or Address Change Forms, “Welcome to Downey” Letter, Certificate of Dog Ownership, Downey Building Permit Forms, and Complaint Forms can be found on the City Website at** [**www.downeyidaho.us**](http://www.downeyidaho.us)**, under forms, or emailed by City Staff.**

**The Community Center and City Office Meeting Room will not be rented.**

**City Parks will remain open, but social distancing must be observed. Playground equipment, park pavilions and all city restrooms will be closed.**

**The Mayor, in consultation with the Council President, is authorized to establish other administrative policies necessary to protect the public health and safety.**

That this Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency (“Declaration”) shall be promptly filed with the Bannock County Recorder’s Office; and

That prompt and general publicity shall be given by a press release notifying the public of this Declaration.

Approved by the City Council of the City of Downey this of 22ND day of April, 2020.

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 Mayor

 Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

City Clerk

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_