



**EXTENSION OF PROCLAMATION
OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF UINTAH COUNTY, UTAH,
DECLARING A LOCAL EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, confirmed community transmission of COVID-19 within the State of Utah has created conditions that are or are likely to be beyond the control of local resources and require the combined resources of other political subdivisions to combat; and

WHEREAS, the mobilization of local resources, ability to coordinate interagency response, accelerate procurement of vital supplies, and use mutual aid will be critical to successfully responding to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, these conditions do create a "State of Emergency" within the intent of the "Disaster Response and Recovery Act" found in Title 53, Chapter 2a of the Utah Code Annotated 1953, as amended; and necessitate that Uintah County proclaim the existence of a local emergency, which allows for the utilization of emergency police powers and resources.

WHEREAS, Utah Code Ann. §53-2a-208 gives the chief executive officer of a county to declare a local emergency by proclamation.

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, the chief executive officer of Uintah County declared a local emergency by proclamation, stating a public health state of emergency exists for Uintah County due to COVID-19;

WHEREAS, as of April 13, 2020, there are nine (9) confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the tri-county area; and

WHEREAS, the local hospitals serving Daggett, Duchesne, and Uintah counties only have a combined ten (10) beds in their intensive care units with eleven (11) ventilators and have limited surge capacity to care for more than ten (10) patients needing critical care; and

WHEREAS, the critical care rate of those hospitalized in Utah is at forty percent (40%); and

WHEREAS, there is a stark inability to chase down the virus and identify asymptomatic individuals and there is no vaccine or effective FDA approved pharmaceutical treatments for the virus at this time within the State of Utah,

WHEREAS, while the proactive use of social distancing, quarantine and isolation appear to be effective at slowing the spread of COVID-19 within the community, local businesses in Uintah County continue to suffer so therefore, an extension of the Proclamation Declaring a Local Emergency has been deemed necessary.

NOW THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO UCA §53-2a-208, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF UINTAH COUNTY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. **Extension.** The Proclamation Declaring a Local Emergency, dated March 20, 2020, is hereby extended through April 30th, 2020.

Section 2. **Publication.** This extension of the Public Health Emergency Declaration shall be on file for public inspection with the Uintah County Clerk Auditor's Office.

Section 3. **Notice to Governor.** A copy of this extension of the Proclamation Declaring a Local Emergency shall be sent to the Office of Governor of the State of Utah.

Effective Date: 13th day of April, 2020

ATTEST:

UINTAH COUNTY:



Michael W. Wilkins
Uintah County Clerk-Auditor

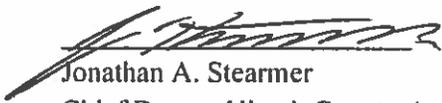


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