

**DECLARATION OF LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY
FOR NOVEL CORONAVIRUS EPIDEMIC COVID-19**

WHEREAS, Health and Safety Code section 101080 authorizes a local health officer to declare a local health emergency in the health officer's jurisdiction, or any part thereof, whenever the health officer reasonably determines that there is an imminent and proximate threat of the introduction of any contagious, infectious, or communicable disease, chemical agent, non-communicable biologic agent, toxin, or radioactive agent; and

WHEREAS, a novel coronavirus (COVID-19) was first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China in December 2019. Symptoms of COVID-19, an infectious disease caused by the novel coronavirus, include fever, cough, and shortness of breath; outcomes have ranged from mild to severe illness, and in some cases death; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of COVID-19 a "public health emergency of international concern"; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, United States Health and Human Services Secretary Alex M. Azar declared a public health emergency for the United States to aid the nation's healthcare community in responding to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced on February 25, 2020, that community spread of COVID-19 is likely to occur in the United States; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, California Governor Gavin Newsom issued a proclamation of a State of Emergency for the State of California due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a worldwide pandemic; and

WHEREAS, there are currently 198 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in California, including cases in Sacramento, Placer, Yolo and Calaveras Counties, and there is an ongoing risk and likelihood of COVID-19 positive patients being identified in El Dorado County; and

WHEREAS, the El Dorado County Health and Human Services Agency, Public Health Division must use all preventive measures, which will require access to available services, personnel, equipment, and facilities, to respond to COVID-19; and

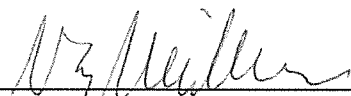
WHEREAS, COVID-19 constitutes a potential pandemic under section 8558(b) of the Government Code that, by reason of its magnitude, is beyond the control of the

services, personnel, equipment and facilities of El Dorado County and require the combined forces of a mutual aid region or regions to combat.

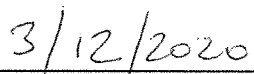
NOW, THEREFORE, the Public Health Officer of El Dorado County, in accordance with the authority vested in it pursuant to Health and Safety Code 101080, hereby finds:

“There is an imminent and proximate threat of the introduction of any contagious, infectious, or communicable disease, chemical agent, non-communicable biologic agent, toxin, or radioactive agent, the director may declare a health emergency and the local health officer may declare a local health emergency in the jurisdiction or any area thereof affected by the threat to the public health. Whenever a local health emergency is declared by a local health officer pursuant to this section, the local health emergency shall not remain in effect for a period in excess of seven days unless it has been ratified by the board of supervisors, or city council, whichever is applicable to the jurisdiction.”

The Public Health Officer further finds that conditions of extreme peril to the health and safety of person and property exist within the County of El Dorado and **HEREBY DECLARES A STATE OF EMERGENCY** in El Dorado County.



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Date of Declaration