



DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

Tooele County, Utah

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2020, the Utah Department of Health (“UDH”) activated its Department Operations Center in response to the evolving COVID-19 global pandemic. The UDH recognizes COVID-19 as an imminent threat to the health and safety of the residents of the State of Utah (“Utah”); and,

WHEREAS, on February 28, 2020, the State Emergency Operations Center raised its activation level to “Level 3 – Elevated Action.” The Utah Division of Emergency Management (“UDEM”) and the UDH activated a Joint Information System for public information; and,

WHEREAS, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) has identified the potential public health threat posed by COVID-19 both globally and in the United States as “high,” and has advised that person-to-person spread of COVID-19 will continue to occur globally, including within the United States; and,

WHEREAS, the UDH recognizes that confirmed community transmission in the United States significantly increases the risk of exposure and infection to the general public with Utah, which creates an extreme public health risk that may spread quickly; and,

WHEREAS, due to the identification of COVID-19 cases in Utah, COVID-19 has created conditions that are or are likely to be beyond the control of local resources, and requires the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat; and,

WHEREAS, the presence of COVID-19 was identified in our community as of March 15, 2020.

WHEREAS, the Tooele County Health Officer (“Health Officer”) has determined that there is an imminent and proximate threat to the public health within Tooele County from COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, the mobilization of local resources, the coordination of interagency responses, the acceleration of procurement of vital supplies, and the implementation of mutual aid agreements will be critical to successfully responding to COVID-19; and,

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

THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO UCA §53-2A-208; BE IT DECLARED BY TOOEELE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, TOM TRIPP, SHAWN MILNE, AND KENDALL THOMAS, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. **Declaration of Local Emergency.** It is hereby declared that there is a local emergency affecting Tooele County, Utah, which may exceed the resources of the community, and assistance may be requested from both, the State of Utah and the federal government to provide all necessary resources to combat such emergency to protect the community and provide emergency assistance.

Section 2. **General Provision.** This State of Emergency has not been implemented based on a current level of confirmed cases, rather it reflects that Tooele County will work in concert with State and Federal agencies to slow the spread of infection. This action is based on recommendations of both the professionals of Tooele County Health Department and the Tooele County Emergency Response Center.

Section 3. **Emergency Operations Plan Activated.** The Tooele County Emergency Operations Plan is now in effect. The incident command system with respect to this local emergency is hereby activated.

Section 4. **Emergency Operations Center Activated.** The Tooele County Emergency Operations Center (“EOC”) is hereby activated.

Section 6. **Public Advisories.** The following measures are strongly recommended by the Tooele County Health Department:

[Tooele County COVID-19 Health Advisories.pdf](#)

[UDOH Public Health Order March 17](#)

[Governors Press Release](#)

Section 7. **Changes/Compliance.** As the situation changes additional guidance will be provided. The Tooele County Health Department may issue Public Health Orders to comply with these and other appropriate measures.

Section 8. **Duration.** This declaration of a local emergency shall last up to thirty (30) days after the Effective Date (defined below) and may be extended in written form by the Tooele County Commission.

Section 9. **Publication.** This declaration of a local emergency shall be on file for public inspection with the Tooele County Clerk.

Section 10. **Notice to Governor.** A copy of this declaration of a local emergency shall be sent to the Office of the Governor of the State of Utah.

Effective Date: _____

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