

DECLARATION OF CIVIL EMERGENCY

Issued pursuant to Section 11-5-3 of the Pueblo Municipal Code

I, Nicholas A. Gradisar, Mayor of the City of Pueblo, a Colorado municipal corporation, pursuant to the authority granted to me under Section 11-5-3 of the Pueblo Municipal Code ("PMC") do hereby state and declare:

WHEREAS, because of Novel Coronavirus Pandemic and the resulting COVID-19 Disease ("COVID-19"), which occurred or began to occur on March 13, 2020 within the City of Pueblo, the residents of the City are suffering or have suffered a disaster as defined under C.R.S. 24-33.5-703(3) and a civil emergency as defined under Section 11-5-2 (a) of the PMC; and,

WHEREAS, as a result, on March 13, 2020, I declared a State of Local Disaster Emergency pursuant to the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act (C.R.S. § 24-33.5-701, *et seq.*); and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, by Resolution No. 14387, the City Council extended the emergency declaration made by the Mayor regarding the COVID-19 pandemic until the public health danger posed by COVID-19 has been abated; and

WHEREAS, the costs of responding to and recovering from the impact of the COVID-19 public health disaster and civil emergency exceeds the City of Pueblo's available resources; and

WHEREAS, as reported by the Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment ("CDPHE") during the 14-day period preceding October 26, 2020, there has been a 45.4% increase in the number of Pueblo residents testing positive for COVID-19 and the number of required hospitalizations is also on the rise; and

WHEREAS, based on CDPHE's framework for responding to the COVID-19 crisis, the increasing numbers of COVID-19 positive cases in the City may force the local community to roll back activities; Pueblo County variances may be rescinded; capacity limits for local businesses and places of worship may be reduced and local bars and gyms may be forced to close; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Charter and the PMC, the Mayor, as the chief executive officer of the City of Pueblo, is vested with all the executive and administrative powers granted to the City of Pueblo by Article XX of the Constitution of the State of Colorado, and all executive and administrative powers contained in the Charter of the City of Pueblo, and otherwise existing by operation of law, including the power to enforce all laws and ordinances; and

WHEREAS the health and well-being of residents of the City of Pueblo are at risk due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In order to protect the health, safety, or welfare of the people of the City of Pueblo,

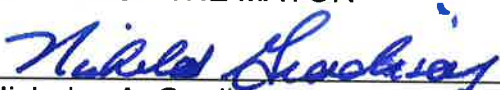
NOW THEREFORE, I HEREBY DECLARE, pursuant to the State Constitution, the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act (C.R.S. 24-33.5-701), the Charter and Ordinances of the City of Pueblo and PMC Section 11-5-4 that a STATE OF CIVIL EMERGENCY NOW EXISTS and is so ORDERED, authorized, and approved.

BE IT KNOWN THAT the geographic area affected and to which this DECLARATION applies is known as the corporate City limits of the City of Pueblo, CO.

AND BE IT ALSO KNOWN THAT this DECLARATION and STATE OF CIVIL EMERGENCY will commence at 10:00 p.m. on Friday, October 30, 2020 and shall remain in force until 5:00 a.m. on Friday, November 13, 2020, unless sooner rescinded or unless extended by the Mayor for an additional two (2) weeks pursuant to PMC 11-5-6.

Dated this 29th day of October, 2020.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR



Nicholas A. Gradisar
Mayor