

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-16

**A RESOLUTION OF THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES OF
THE CITY OF CLAREMONT, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF
CALIFORNIA, PROCLAIMING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL
EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, Section 8630 of the California Government Code empowers a designated official of a city to proclaim a "local emergency," as that term is defined in Government Code Section 8558; and

WHEREAS, if the City Council is not in session, Section 2.48.060(A)(1) of the Claremont Municipal Code designates and empowers the City's Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence of a local "emergency," as that term is defined in Section 2.48.020 of the Claremont Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has spread globally to over 130 countries, infecting more than 142,000 persons and killing more than 5,393 individuals worldwide. As of March 13, 2020, there were 40 cases, including four by community transmission, in Los Angeles County and one death related to COVID-19. Due to the expanding list of countries with widespread transmission of COVID-19, increasing travel alerts and warnings for countries experiencing sustained or uncontrolled community transmission issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC"), the escalation of United States domestic cases of and deaths from COVID-19, and the identification of COVID-19 cases in California, including Los Angeles County, COVID-19 has created conditions that are likely to be beyond the control of local resources and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat; and

WHEREAS, on February 26, 2020, the CDC confirmed the first possible case of community transmission of COVID-19 in the United. On March 4, 2020, the Health Officer of Los Angeles County determined that there is an imminent and proximate threat to the public health from the introduction of COVID-19 in Los Angeles County and declared a Local Health Emergency and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors concurrently proclaimed the existence of a local emergency for the County of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom of the State of California declared a State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 (Corona Virus Disease 19); and,

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization (WHO) publicly characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020 Governor Newsom of the State of California issued Executive Order N-25-20 in a further effort to confront and contain COVID-19 that among other things suspended certain provision of the Ralph M. Brown Act providing local agencies with greater flexibility to hold meetings via teleconferencing; and,

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a National Emergency due to the continue spread and the effects of COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, the State of California and numerous other public and provide organizations have announced the cancellation or postponement of all events where social distancing cannot be reasonably achieved; and,

WHEREAS, the City's ability to mobilize local resources, coordinate interagency response, accelerate procurement of vital supplies, use mutual aid, and seek future reimbursement by the State and Federal governments will be critical to successfully responding to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Director does hereby find the following:

1. That the above recitals are true and correct and based thereon, hereby finds that the spread and potential further spread of COVID-19 constitutes a situation that severely impairs the public health and safety within the City of Claremont and constitutes conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the City of Claremont;
2. That these conditions are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the City of Claremont;
3. That the conditions of extreme peril warrant and necessitate the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES OF THE CITY OF CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY PROCLAIM THAT A LOCAL EMERGENCY EXISTS WITHIN THE CITY OF CLAREMONT.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of this local emergency, the powers and duties of the Director of Emergency Services, and the Disaster Council of this City, shall be those prescribed by State law, by City ordinances and resolutions, by Chapter 2.48 of the Claremont Municipal Code, and by the City of Claremont's Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) Multihazard Functional Plan, adopted January 26, 1999 through City Council Resolution No. 99-103; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the local emergency shall be deemed to exist until its termination is declared by resolution of the City Council; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED the City of Claremont is requesting, in accordance to the California Disaster Assistance Act and the Stafford Act, financial public assistance to assist in response and recovery efforts. The City of Claremont is requesting that this request be forwarded to the state director of emergency services as well as the Federal Emergency Management Agency; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the City Manager or his/her designee make any and all necessary arrangements for the City Council to ratify this proclamation within seven (7) days.

The City Clerk shall certify as to the adoption of this resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on this 14 day of March 2020.



Director of Emergency Services' Signature

ATTEST:



City Clerk's Signature