

FOURTH ORDER CONTINUING A DECLARATION OF A DISASTER
IN AND FOR ADAMS COUNTY, COLORADO

WHEREAS, the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act, Colorado Revised Statutes (C.R.S.) § 24-33.5-701, *et seq.*, provides procedures for statewide and local prevention of, preparation for, response to, and recovery from disasters; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-703(3), a “disaster” is defined to mean “the occurrence or imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from any natural cause or cause of human origin, including but not limited to fire, flood, earthquake, wind, storm, wave action, hazardous substance incident, oil spill or other water contamination requiring emergency action to avert danger or damage, volcanic activity, epidemic, air pollution, blight, drought, infestation, explosion, civil disturbance, or hostile military or paramilitary action, or a condition of riot, insurrection, or invasion”; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709, a local disaster may be declared “only by the principal executive officer of a political subdivision;” and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to §§ 30-10-307 and 308, C.R.S., as amended, the chair of the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) is the principal executive officer of Adams County and, in the absence of the chair, the vice-chair is statutorily authorized to act as the principal executive officer; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709(1), the declaration of a local disaster “shall not be continued or renewed for a period in excess of seven days except by or with the consent of the governing board of the political subdivision;” and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709(1), any order declaring, continuing, or terminating a local disaster “shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the county clerk and recorder;” and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709(2), the effect of declaring a local disaster “is to activate the response and recovery aspects of any and all applicable local and interjurisdictional disaster emergency plans and to authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance under such plans”; and,

WHEREAS, by declaring a local disaster, the Adams County Disaster Policies are in effect; and,

WHEREAS, because of the coronavirus (COVID19) pandemic which occurred or began to occur on March 5, 2020, the Chair of the Adams County BoCC declared a disaster in Adams County, Colorado beginning March 11, 2020 and ending March 18, 2020, unless further extended by the consent of the BoCC; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Adams County Disaster Policies, the County Manager may continue or renew the declared disaster for a period in excess of seven days upon submission of the request and the approval of the County Commissioners. (C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709). In the event the County Commissioners cannot assemble to approve a continuance of the declaration, such declaration shall remain in effect until such time as a quorum can be assembled; and,

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020 the Governor of the State of Colorado declared that Colorado is in a state of emergency over the coronavirus and the President of the United States declared a national emergency concerning the coronavirus; and,

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, March 25, 2020, and April 15, 2020, County Manager Raymond H. Gonzales, with the consent of the BoCC, continued the disaster emergency in the County of Adams, State of Colorado; and,


WHEREAS, the current disaster emergency in Adams County is scheduled to expire on May 10, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, the disaster emergency caused by the coronavirus pandemic and recovery efforts thereto are expected to continue for several months into the future; and,

WHEREAS, the cost and magnitude of responding to and recovering from the impact of this disaster will continue to exceed Adams County's available resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, by County Manager Raymond H. Gonzales, with the consent of the BoCC, the disaster emergency in the County of Adams, State of Colorado declared by the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners on March 11, 2020, and continued by the County Manager on March 18, 2020, March 25, 2020, and April 15, 2020, is hereby continued beginning on May 11, 2020 and continuing until it is officially concluded by or with the consent of the BOCC.

COUNTY MANAGER
ADAMS COUNTY, COLORADO



Raymond H. Gonzales

16 MAY 2020

Date