

**MARCH 17, 2020**  
**CITY OF FEDERAL HEIGHTS**  
**DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER**

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act (“Act”), C.R.S. § 24-33.5-704, on March 10, 2020, Governor Jared Polis, by proclamation, declared a state of emergency in Colorado to provide access to resources, legal flexibility, protect vulnerable communities all to better contain the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus; and

WHEREAS, the Governor’s declaration activates the City of Federal Heights’ (“City”) Emergency Operations Plan, whose purpose is to provide a coordinated framework working with local, county, state and federal entities to mitigate, prevent, protect, respond and recover from hazards, which includes epidemics; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with C.R.S. §24-33.5-709, which supersedes the Federal Heights Municipal Code’s outdated Disaster Preparedness provisions set forth in Article II, Chapter 18, a local disaster may be declared only by the principal executive officer of the City, yet shall not be continued for a period in excess of seven days, absent the consent of City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JACQUELINE HALBURNT, CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF FEDERAL HEIGHTS, COLORADO, DECLARE AND DIRECT, AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW, THE FOLLOWING:

Section 1. That the COVID 19 virus constitutes a local disaster for the City which endangers the health, safety and welfare of the entire community and emergency action is required to avert such danger.

Section 2. That the effect of this Declaration of Local Disaster shall be to activate the response and recovery aspects of any and all applicable local and interjurisdictional disaster emergency plans, and to seek and authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance under such plans.

Section 3: That the City’s residents, businesses and visitors are encouraged to remain informed, and to follow the U.S. Center for Disease Control guidance for mitigation strategies concerning the COVID-19 virus.

Section 4. The City Clerk is directed to immediately publish and file copies of this Declaration of Local Disaster with the Adams County Emergency Manager, the Colorado Office of Emergency Management, and the Adams County Clerk and Recorder.

Dated: March 17, 2020.

THE CITY OF FEDERAL HEIGHTS,  
a Colorado Home Rule Municipality,  
by and through its City Manager.

  
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JACQUELINE HALBURNT