DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 24-33.5-709, Colorado Revised Statutes, and any other applicable authority, I, Nancy Sharpe, Arapahoe County Commissioner, District 2, and Chair of the Board of County Commissioners of Arapahoe County, Colorado, do hereby declare a local disaster within Arapahoe County due to the spread of presumptive positive cases of the COVID19 throughout the globe, and most recently within the State of Colorado, the Denver Metro Areas and within Arapahoe County, which presents an imminent threat to public health given that, although a high percentage of individuals affected by COVID19 will experience mild flu-like symptoms, some will have more serious symptoms and require hospitalization, and the response and containment efforts will draw on available local, state and county resources, and threatens to strain available resources and supply chains given the complexity and duration of the response, which involves coordination with multiple municipal, county, state and federal partners, including school districts and other community services across multiple disciplines and a large geographic area, and given the rapid growth rate COVID19 has demonstrated in other parts of the globe and United States.

The purpose of this declaration of a local disaster emergency is to activate the County Emergency Operations Plan and response and recovery aspects of any and all applicable local and interjurisdictional disaster emergency plans and to authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance. This declaration shall be valid for a period not to exceed seven (7) days unless continued or renewed by the Board of County Commissioners of Arapahoe County, Colorado.

Dated this 13th day of March, 2020.

Nancy Sharpe

County Commissioner, District 2

Chair, Board of County Commissioners

Arapahoe County, Colorado

(Copy to be filed with the Arapahoe County Clerk and Recorder, the Office of Emergency Management of the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management in the Colorado Department of Public Safety and the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office.)