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Emergency, Emergency, or Local Disaster Regulations, as well as C.R.S § 24-33.5-709(1);and

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

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Grand, State of Colorado that a local disaster emergency is hereby declared.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, it is hereby determined and declared that the presence of the COVID-19 virus within jurisdictions surrounding Grand County constitutes a local disaster emergency that warrants the mobilizing of emergency response and the furnishing of aid and assistance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, this Declaration shall be promptly filed with the Grand County Clerk and Recorder and with the Colorado Office of Emergency Management.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, this Declaration shall remain in effect for a period of 7 days unless continued or renewed in excess of this time period by formal action of the Board of County Commissioners for Grand County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, this Declaration is necessary for the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the County of Grand, State of Colorado.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

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| <i>Richard Lane</i> | Aye |
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| <i>Meritt Lubie</i> | Aye |
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| <i>Kristen Manguso</i> | Aye |
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Commissioners

STATE OF COLORADO }
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 County of Grand }

I,, County Clerk and ex-officio Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners in and for the County and State aforesaid do hereby certify that the annexed and foregoing Order is truly copied from the Records of the Proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners for said Grand County, now in my office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County, at Hot Sulphur Springs, this day of A.D. 20.....
County Clerk and ex-officio Clerk of the Board of Commissioners.

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