

RESOLUTION 2020-4

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF HOLLY DECLARING A LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY IN AND FOR THE TOWN OF HOLLY, COLORADO

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to the “Act”, an “emergency” is an unexpected event that places life or property in danger and requires an immediate response through the use of state and community resources and procedures, and an “emergency epidemic” is cases of an illness or condition, communicable or noncommunicable, caused by bioterrorism, pandemic influenza, or novel and highly fatal infectious agents or biological toxins; and

WHEREAS, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, which was recognized by the Governor of the State of Colorado on March 10, 2020, the Mayor of the Town of Holly hereby finds, determines, and declares there is an ongoing risk of the likelihood of COVID-19 patients being identified in the Town of Holly and has been advised of said risk by Prowers County Office of Public Health and Environment; and

WHEREAS, in anticipation of the imminent economic hardship that will be affecting the local business community of the Town and employees of those businesses due to the ordered closure by Public Health Order 20-22, issued on March 16, 2020 and any subsequent orders, and to gain access to all Federal and State funding for the Town of Holly and for all businesses in the Town affected by the same; and

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709 (1), the declaration of a local emergency shall not be continued beyond a period of 7 days or removed except by action of the Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709, such a declaration activates the response and recovery aspects of any applicable disaster emergency plans and authorizes the furnishings of aid and assistance under such plans, in addition to gaining access to any and all resources that may be available from FEMA or the State of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, the expense and magnitude of responding to and recovering from the impact of a significant COVID-19 outbreak in the Town of Holly far exceeds the Town’s available resources; 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 properly with the county clerk and recorder, the town clerk and with the office of emergency management”.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED this 1st day of April, 2020 that a disaster emergency is declared in and for the Town of Holly, Colorado, beginning on this day and concluding upon action of the Town Administrator and/or the Town of Holly Board of Trustees.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order shall be given prompt and general publicity, filed immediately with the Town Clerk, and a copy of it shall be sent to the Prowers County Clerk and Recorder as well as to the Colorado Office of Emergency Management.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 1st DAY OF APRIL, 2020.



Calvin J. Melcher
Calvin J. Melcher, Mayor

ATTEST:

Megan Jara
Megan Jara, Clerk/Treasurer