

CITY OF PALOS VERDES ESTATES

**PROCLAMATION OF THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY REGARDING
THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**

BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Acting City Manager of the City of Palos Verdes Estates, California, acting as the Director of Emergency Services, as follows:

WHEREAS, the California Emergency Services Act, Government Code sections 8550, *et seq.*, authorizes the proclamation of a local emergency when conditions of disaster or extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the territorial limits of a city exist;

WHEREAS, Palos Verdes Estates Municipal Code section 2.08.060 empowers the Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency due to conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of life, property or the environment within the City and the City Council is not in session;

WHEREAS, as a result of the global spread of a severe acute respiratory illness caused by a novel (new) coronavirus (“COVID-19”), an infectious virus that has resulted in the illness and death of several California residents, the President of the United States declared a national emergency due to the spread and effects of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of California has Proclaimed a State of Emergency for COVID-19 as a public health emergency and the World Health Organization has described COVID-19 as a pandemic;

WHEREAS, the State of California and the County of Los Angeles are reporting exposure of residents to COVID-19 and expect that the number of residents becoming ill from COVID-19 will increase;

WHEREAS, due to the increase of reported cases associated with COVID-19, there is an imminent and proximate threat of introduction of COVID-19 in the City that threatens the safety and health of City residents and warrants declaration of a local emergency;

WHEREAS, a declaration of a local emergency will assist in a coordinated public health response to reduce transmission and illness severity, provide assistance to health care providers, coordinate and mitigate public services that may be disrupted from this emergency, and mitigate any other effects of this emergency on the citizens of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Palos Verdes Estates is not in session and cannot immediately be called into session.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED by the Director of Emergency Services of the City of Palos Verdes Estates that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within the City caused by a public health emergency related to the COVID-19 virus, which began on March 7, 2020; and


BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that a local emergency now exists throughout the City of Palos Verdes Estates as a result of the COVID-19 virus,

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that this proclamation shall be in effect for a period of seven days by which time it must be ratified by the City Council pursuant to Government Code section 8630; and

AND ORDERED that during the existence of said local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of this City shall be those prescribed by state law, by ordinances, and resolutions of this City; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that all City officers and employees take all steps requested by the Director of Emergency Services to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to prevent or alleviate illness or death due to the virus; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that all City officers and employees take all steps requested by the Director of Emergency Services to qualify the City for reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and for other state and federal relief as may be available to reimburse the City for the expenses it incurs in addressing this emergency.

Dated: March 17, 2020 By: 
Ken Rukavina, Acting City Manager
Director of Emergency Services