

**CITY OF CYPRESS**

**PROCLAMATION OF THE EXISTENCE  
OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY  
BY THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, Section 8A-5 of the Cypress Municipal Code designates the City Manager as the City's Director of Emergency Services; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 8A-6 of the Cypress Municipal Code authorizes the Director of Emergency Services, if the City Council is not in session, to proclaim the existence of a local emergency when the City is affected or likely affected by a public calamity; and

**WHEREAS**, conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the health and safety of persons and property have arisen both internationally and within the United States as a result of the introduction of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), a novel communicable disease; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 has spread globally, infecting more than 179,000 persons and killing more than 7,400; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the expanding list of countries with widespread transmission of COVID-19, and increasing travel alerts and warnings for countries experiencing sustained or uncontrolled community transmission issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), COVID-19 has created conditions that are likely to be beyond the control of local resources and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat; and

**WHEREAS**, the President of the United States, the Governor of the State of California, and the County of Orange have declared that national, state, and local health emergencies exist; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of the State of California has released statewide guidance, urging the highest risk population (individuals 65 years or older or those with compromised immune systems), to self-isolate at home; and

**WHEREAS**, the City's ability to mobilize local resources, coordinate interagency response, accelerate procurement of vital supplies, use mutual aid, and seek future reimbursement by the Federal and State Governments will be critical to successfully responding to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the actual occurrence of the disaster under Government Code Section 8685.2 that exceeded the capacity of the City occurred starting on March 18, 2020 when additional City resources were needed to respond to additional public demands related to COVID-19 and including the Orange County Health Care Agency's March 17, 2020 Order of the Local Health Officer.

**WHEREAS**, the City Manager/Director of Emergency Services has concluded that the above-described conditions warrant a proclamation of local emergency.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the City Manager/Director of Emergency Services of the City of Cypress proclaims, declares and orders as follows:

**Section 1:** Pursuant to Chapter 8A of the Cypress Municipal Code and California Government Code Section 8630, it is hereby proclaimed that a local emergency now exists in the City of Cypress and for this emergency, assistance and aid is requested from Federal, State, and the County governance to the City, individuals and businesses affected thereby.

**Section 2:** Pursuant to Section 8A-6 of the Cypress Municipal Code, the Director of Emergency Services is empowered to adopt rules, policies and regulations to protect the Public, to protect life and property, and to ensure the availability of essential City services.

**Section 3:** Additional or different emergency measures may be implemented by the Director of Emergency Services pursuant to Section 8A-6 of the Cypress Municipal Code as deemed reasonable or necessary to address the quickly changing, very fluid emergency situation.

By:   
City Manager/Director of Emergency Services

Dated: March 18, 2020