

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-21

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CRESCENT CITY
DECLARING A LOCAL EMERGENCY AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER
TO MAKE NECESSARY OPERATIONAL, PURCHASING AND PERSONNEL
DECISIONS IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

WHEREAS, international, national, state, and local health and governmental authorities are responding to an outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a novel coronavirus named “SARSCoV-2,” and the disease it causes has been named “coronavirus disease 2019,” abbreviated COVID-19, (“COVID-19”); and

WHEREAS, while the complete clinical picture with regard to COVID-19 is not yet fully understood, reported symptoms and illnesses from COVID-19 range from mild to severe, including fever, coughing, shortness of breath, and illnesses resulting in death; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has stated that certain populations face elevated risk and widespread transmission of COVID-19 would translate into large numbers of people needing medical care at the same time and other critical infrastructure may also be affected; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the International Health Regulations Emergency Committee of the World Health Organization declared the outbreak a “public health emergency of international concern”; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency to aid the nation’s healthcare community in responding to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom declared a State of Emergency to make additional resources available, formalize emergency actions already underway across multiple state agencies and departments, and help the state prepare for broader spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the Director-General of the World Health Organization characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-25-20 requiring all resident to heed any orders and guidance of state and local health officials, including the imposition of social distancing measures to control the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Trump declared a National Emergency and that the federal government would make \$50 billion in emergency funding to assist state and local governments in preventing the spread of and addressing the effects of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, as of March 13, 2020, 38 states in addition to California have declared states of emergency; and

WHEREAS, the national Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) are regularly announcing and disseminating ever more stringent guidelines and orders regarding social distancing, gathering of groups, and travel; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that further national and state executive orders as well as guidelines from CDC and CDPH will be promulgated in the near future; and

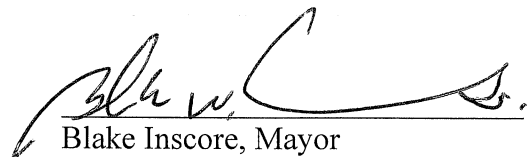
WHEREAS, this declaration of emergency must be reviewed at least once every 60 days until the City Council terminates this local emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Crescent City, California that:

1. The City Council declares that a local emergency now exists.
2. The City Manager is delegated the authority to make all necessary decisions and to take all necessary actions without prior approval of the City Council in order to protect employees, city residents and visitors, and public utility customers, specifically including, *but not limited to*, the purchasing of goods and contracting for services, and making temporary changes to MOU's with employee associations, personnel policies, and operational policies and procedures.
2. This resolution is effective until repealed or superseded.

PASSED AND ADOPTED and made effective the same day by the City Council of the City of Crescent City on this 16th day of March, 2020, by the following polled vote:

AYES: Council Member Fallman, Greenough, Kime, Wright, and Mayor Inscore
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None


Blake Inscore, Mayor

ATTEST:

Robin Patch, City Clerk