

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-07**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY  
PROCLAIMING THE EXISTENCE OF AN EMERGENCY SITUATION AND LOCAL  
EMERGENCY DUE TO THE WORLDWIDE SPREAD OF COVID-19.**

**WHEREAS**, California Government Code (“CGC”) section 54956.5 authorizes the Town Council of the Town of Yucca Valley (“Town”) to hold emergency meetings on shortened notice to address emergency situations as determined by a majority of the Town Council; and,

**WHEREAS**, California Government Code section 54954.2 authorizes the Town Council to take actions not listed on the agenda, where deemed necessary by a majority of the Town Council to address emergency situations; and,

**WHEREAS**, California Government Code section 8630, et seq., and Chapter 2.40 of the Town of Yucca Valley Municipal Code (“YVMC”) empower the Town Council to declare and proclaim a local emergency within the Town; and,

**WHEREAS**, from January 2020 through March 2020, COVID-19 spread throughout the world, with over 179,000 confirmed cases of individuals contracting COVID-19, and approximately 7,000 confirmed cases of individuals dying from COVID-19; and,

**WHEREAS**, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom of the State of California declared a State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 (Corona Virus Disease 19); and,

**WHEREAS**, on March 10, 2020, the San Bernardino County Public Health Officer and the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Bernardino proclaimed the existence of a local health emergency for all of San Bernardino County in response to the outbreak of the COVID-19 in California and in San Bernardino County; and,

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization (WHO) publicly characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic; and,

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020 the President of the United States imposed certain travel bans and limitations in response to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 12, 2020 Governor Newsom of the State of California issued Executive Order N-25-20 in a further effort to confront and contain COVID-19 that among other things suspended certain provision of the Ralph M. Brown Act providing local agencies with greater flexibility to hold meetings via teleconferencing; and,

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) had confirmed 2,726, cases of COVID-19 in the United States, with 55 cases resulting in death, within the United States, including California; and,

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a National Emergency due to the continued spread and the effects of COVID-19; and,

**WHEREAS**, the State of California and numerous Counties, School Districts and other local governmental agencies as well as private entities have announced the cancellation or postponement of all events where social distancing cannot be reasonably achieved; and,

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020 the Superintendent of the Morongo Unified School District suspended regular classes and school activities starting on March 16, 2020 until March 20, 2020 with the expectation that it will be extended and,

**WHEREAS**, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic the Town Council reasonably anticipates that the Town will be required to utilize physical, personnel, and financial resources of the Town and to take action to limit the spread of COVID-19 within the territorial jurisdiction of the Town in order to provide for the safety of persons in the Town, and to provide continuity of essential services provided by the Town; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Town is actively providing support to those impacted by COVID-19 and cooperating with State, Federal and County agencies in their response to the pandemic; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Town reasonably anticipates both asking for mutual aid from, and providing mutual aid to, other communities who are addressing the spread and effects of COVID-19 which will require the Town to utilize the physical, personnel, and financial resources of the Town of Yucca Valley.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND HEREBY ORDERED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA AS FOLLOWS:**

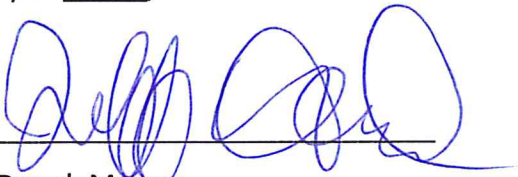
**Section 1.** That the above recitals are true and correct and based thereon, the Town Council hereby finds that the spread of COVID-19 constitutes a situation that severely impairs the public health and safety within the Town and constitutes conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the Town.

**Section 2.** That, as authorized in California Government Code (CGC) sections 8630 and 54956.5 and Chapter 2.40 of the Town of Yucca Valley Municipal Code (YVMC) and based on the foregoing finding, an “emergency” as defined in CGC section 54956.5(a) and YVMC section 2.40.020, and a “local emergency” as defined in CGC section 8558(c) hereby exists within the territorial jurisdiction of the Town of Yucca Valley and is deemed to continue to exist, and shall be reviewed at least once every 30 days, until its termination is proclaimed by the Town Council of the Town of Yucca Valley.

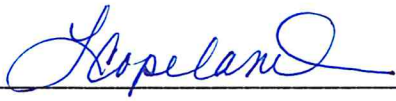
**Section 3.** That the Town Council will utilize, to the extent reasonably feasible and appropriate, the ability to conduct its council meetings via teleconferencing and other electronic means to permit councilmembers and members of the public to adopt social distancing to the greatest extent possible while still proceeding with the efficient handling of the Town’s business in compliance with California Executive Order N-25-20.

**Section 4.** That the Town Manager, as the Director of Emergency Services, is hereby authorized to exercise his powers and duties as provided in section 2.40.060 of the Yucca Valley Municipal Code and pursuant to the Town’s Emergency Operations Plan.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 17th day of March, 2020.

  
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Jeff Drozd, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Lesley Copeland, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Tom Jex, Town Attorney

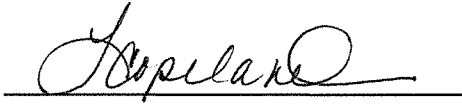
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO

TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY

I, Lesley R. Copeland, Town Clerk of the Town of Yucca Valley, California hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 20-07 as duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Yucca Valley, California at a meeting thereof held on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020, by the following vote:

- Ayes: Council Members Abel, Denison, Lombardo, Schooler, and Mayor Drozd
- Noes: None
- Abstain: None
- Absent: None



Lesley R. Copeland, CMC  
TOWN CLERK