

PROCLAMATION BY THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES OF THE CITY OF
LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE, CALIFORNIA, PROCLAIMING THE EXISTENCE OF A
LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Chapter 2.16 of the City of La Cañada Flintridge Municipal Code empowers the Director of Emergency Services, to proclaim the existence or threaten existence of a local emergency when the City is affected or likely to be affected by a disaster or public calamity and the City Council is not in session; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 2.16 of the City of La Cañada Flintridge Municipal Code designates the City Manager as the Director of Emergency Services; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 2.16 of the City of La Cañada Flintridge Municipal Code defines “emergency” as “the actual threatened existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the city caused by such conditions including, but not limited to, fire, brush fire, earthquake, flood, windstorm, rain storm, tornado, hurricane, riot, terrorist attack, drought, energy shortage, hazardous materials release, air pollution, epidemic, or other conditions posing a wide-scale threat to persons or property including conditions resulting from war or imminent threat of war, but other than conditions resulting from a labor controversy, which conditions are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and/or facilities of this city, requiring the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat”; and

WHEREAS, The Director of Emergency Services of the City of La Cañada Flintridge does hereby find:

- A. The Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), a severe acute respiratory illness caused by a novel (new) coronavirus was first detected in Wuhan, Hubei Province, People’s Republic of China (China) and the first case was reported on December 31, 2019, in China, Symptoms of the virus include fever, cough, and shortness of breath, and infected individuals have experienced a range of outcomes, from mild sickness to severe illness and death; and
- B. On March 04, 2020, the State of California declared a State of Emergency to exist in California as a result of the threat of COVID-19; and
- C. The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the Department of Public Health declared a local and public health emergency on March 04, 2020 in response to the increased spread of COVID-19 across the country and Los Angeles County; and
- D. On March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization (WHO) characterized COVID-19 as a world-wide pandemic; and
- E. As proclaimed by the Governor on March 12, 2020, despite sustained efforts, the virus remains a threat, and further efforts to control the spread of the virus to reduce and minimize the risk of infection are needed;

- F. On March 13, 2020 the President of the United States declared a national emergency in response to COVID-19; and
- G. On March 16, 2020 the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health issued an order prohibiting group events and gatherings of over 50 persons or more, requiring social distancing measures and closure of certain business; and
- H. On March 19, 2020 the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health issued an order temporarily prohibiting events and gatherings of 10 persons or more and the closure of non-essential businesses; and
- I. On March 19, 2020 the Governor issued an order to all individuals living in the State of California to stay at home or their place of residence for the duration of the State of Emergency; and
- J. On March 21, 2020 the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health issued an order prohibiting all indoor and outdoor public and private events and gatherings, and the closure of non-essential businesses; and
- K. 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 State and Federal governments will be critical to successfully responding to COVID-19; and
- L. That the City Council of the City of La Cañada Flintridge is not in session (and cannot immediately be called into session); and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that, pursuant to state law, City of La Canada Flintridge Municipal Code Chapter 2.16, ordinances and resolutions of the City of La Canada Flintridge, a local emergency now exists throughout the City; and

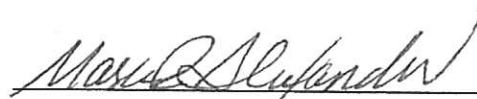
SECTION 1. It is hereby proclaimed that during the existence of said local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of this City shall be those prescribed by state law, by City of La Canada Flintridge Municipal Code Chapter 2.16, ordinances and resolutions of the City of La Canada Flintridge.

SECTION 2. It is hereby proclaimed pursuant to City of La Canada Flintridge Municipal Code Chapter 2.16, the Director of Emergency Services is empowered to take all acts pursuant thereto to protect life and property.

SECTION 3. It is hereby proclaimed that this proclamation shall expire in seven days after issuance unless confirmed and ratified by the La Canada Flintridge City Council.

SECTION 4. It is hereby proclaimed that a copy of this proclamation be forwarded to the Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management to be forwarded to the Director of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services requesting that the Director find it acceptable in accordance with State law; that the Governor of California, pursuant to the Emergency Services Act, issue a proclamation declaring an emergency in the City of La Canada Flintridge under Los Angeles County; that the Governor waive regulations that may hinder response and recovery efforts; that response and recovery assistance be made available under the California Disaster Assistance Act; and that the State expedite access to State and Federal resources and any other appropriate Federal disaster relief programs.

PROCLAIMED THIS 25th DAY OF MARCH, 2020.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mark R. Alexander", written over a horizontal line.

Mark R. Alexander, City Manager
Director of Emergency Services