

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2020, the Council of the City of Los Angeles ratified the Mayor's Declaration of Local Emergency, dated March 4, 2020, wherein he declared that conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the 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 first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China in December 2019; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the Council of the City of Los Angeles renewed the Mayor's Declaration of Local Emergency, dated March 4, 2020; and

WHEREAS COVID-19 has spread globally to over 207 countries and all states within the United States, infecting more than 1,056,000 persons and killing approximately 56,000 individuals worldwide. Due to the expanding list of countries with widespread transmission of COVID-19, and increasing travel restrictions for countries experiencing sustained or uncontrolled community transmission issued by the Federal Center 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, on April 2, 2020, the Los Angeles County, Department of Public Health confirmed a total of 4,045 cases within the County including many cases of local person-to-person transmission of COVID-19 in Los Angeles County and the Health Officer of Los Angeles County has determined that there is an imminent threat to the public health from the introduction of COVID-19 in all cities within the County, and has declared a Local Health Emergency and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors has proclaimed the existence of a local emergency for the County of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, extensively during the period of this local emergency, the Mayor of Los Angeles has exercised his emergency authority under Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 8.29 by issuing Public Orders, and Directives to City Departments in furtherance of the ongoing need to preserve life and property of the individuals living and working in the City. As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to change and evolve almost daily - such Orders and Directives will continue to be necessary; and

WHEREAS, the City's ability to mobilize local resources, coordinate interagency response, accelerate procurement of vital supplies, imposing temporary restrictions within the city for public businesses, use mutual aid, and seek future reimbursement by the State and Federal governments will be critical to successfully responding to COVID-19.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Los Angeles RESOLVES that:

1. A local emergency exists and continues to persist within the City of Los Angeles, within the meaning of Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 8.21, et seq., and the continuation of the Mayor's Declaration of Local Emergency is therefore necessary, which the City Council hereby ratifies and renews; and
2. In accordance with Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 8.21, et seq., all appropriate City departments, agencies and personnel shall continue to perform all duties and responsibilities to represent the City of Los Angeles in this matter for the purpose of abating the emergency and for the receipt, processing and coordination of all inquiries and requirements necessary to obtain whatever State and Federal assistance that may become available to the citizens of Los Angeles who may be affected by the emergency; and
3. The General Manager of the Emergency Management Department is instructed by the City Council to advise the Mayor and City Council on the need for extension of this Declaration of Local Emergency as may be required; and
4. The City Clerk calendar include the Mayor's Declaration for City Council consideration and review at least every 30 days, from the adoption of this Resolution thereafter unless rescinded; and
5. The City Clerk be instructed to forward copies of this Resolution to the Governor of the State of California, the Director of the California Office of Emergency Services, and the Los Angeles county Board of Supervisors.