



TOWN OF JEROME

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EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, A.R.S. § 26-311 authorizes the Mayor of the Town of Jerome, Arizona or his/her designee to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when the Town of Jerome is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity; and

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, was first detected in Wuhan Town, Hubei Province, China in December 2019, and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) considers this virus to be a significant public health threat that has, and continues to spread globally; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 illness a public health emergency of International concern and on January 31, 2020 the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency due to the COVID-19 illness; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020 the Governor of the State of Arizona, Douglas A. Ducey, determined that the COVID-19 outbreak presents conditions in Arizona that justified his declaration of a State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020 President Donald Trump declared a National Emergency due to the COVID-19 illness; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020 the national Center for Disease Control and Prevention and the Arizona Department of Health Services recommend that (1) for the next 8 weeks organizers cancel or postpone in-person events that consist of 50 people or more, (2) statewide closures of Arizona schools through Friday, March 27, 2020 and (3) recommend telework and other alternatives when available; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020 President Trump issued his "Coronavirus Guidelines for America: 15 Days to Slow the Spread" which provides guidance to avoid social gatherings of more than 10 people and direction to "listen to and follow the directions of your state and local authorities"; and

WHEREAS, prudence requires that precautionary measures be taken proactively due to the widespread nature of COVID-19 and its threat to public health, safety, and welfare as referenced in the Governor's Declaration of Emergency, and that impacts from the same threaten public health and safety and the economic recovery of Jerome; and

WHEREAS, the widespread nature of COVID-19 constitutes an immediate threat to life, public health, safety, and welfare, and to the economic recovery of Jerome; and

Jerome Town Hall Located at 600 Clark Street, Jerome Civic Center

WHEREAS, this local declaration of emergency will help ensure the economic recovery of Jerome; and

WHEREAS, the immediate threat of COVID-19 is a growing problem in the State and precautionary measures are necessary to curtail the imminent impact on homes and businesses in Jerome because it is a threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the general public in Jerome; and

WHEREAS, the above facts give credence to the conditions of extreme peril and public health emergency; and the declaration of a local emergency will enable the Town of Jerome to provide emergency resources, request additional resources and receive mutual aid from other political sub-divisions and entities.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AS FOLLOWS:

1. A local emergency exists in the Town of Jerome due to the COVID-19 outbreak.
2. As a result of said emergency, I hereby impose the following regulations to preserve the peace and order of the Town:
 - a. Closing public access to the Jerome Town Library located at 600 Clark Street until further notice; and
 - b. Closing public access to Jerome Town Hall located at 600 Clark Street until further notice while preserving essential services for Town residents;
 - c. Strongly encouraging our bars and restaurants to observe CDC guidelines, to restrict groups to 10 or less individuals, to provide seating at least six feet apart, and to encourage take-out rather than dine-in orders.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of this Town shall be those prescribed by State Law and by Ordinances and Resolutions of Town of Jerome. Citizens are urged to cooperate with this emergency declaration and, to every degree possible, abide by the safety announcements, advisories, and restrictions established by the Town, by Yavapai County, and by the State of Arizona and to cooperate with the community's public safety agencies and emergency services personnel.

Additional information for those needing Town services will be provided on the Town's website at www.jerome.az.gov.

DATED this 17th day of March 2020



Christina "Alex" Barber, Mayor