

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF MOUNTAIN, COLORADO
DECLARING A LOCAL DISASTER RELATED TO THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**

RESOLUTION No. 2020 – 0319-06

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, the Town of Mountain Village Coordinator of Emergency Management (Chief of Police) and/or Public Health Director has advised the Town of Mountain Village (the “Town”) and the Town Council (“the Council”) of a disaster pursuant to C.R.S. 24-33.5-709, currently present in the Town of Mountain Village, to wit, the occurrence or imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury or loss of life or property resulting from the coronavirus (Covid-19) requiring emergency action to avert danger or damage; and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020 Jared Polis, the Governor of the State of Colorado, declared a statewide state of emergency in response to coronavirus (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared the COVID-19 to be a worldwide pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the cost and magnitude of responding to and recovery from the impact of COVID-19 is far in excess of the town’s available resources; and

WHEREAS, the Coordinator of Emergency Management has recommended that the Council declare a local disaster; and WHEREAS, it would be appropriate and in the interests of the public health and safety, and would further protect property, for the Council to implement said recommendation; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5- 709 and the emergency management and operations plans and resolutions of the Town of Mountain Village, Colorado the Council is authorized to declare a local disaster.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Mountain Village, Colorado, that:

Section 1. That the Council hereby declares that there is a local disaster in the incorporated area of the Town of Mountain Village, to wit, the occurrence or imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury or loss of life or property resulting from the coronavirus (Covid-19) requiring emergency action to avert danger or damage.

Section 2. The effect of this declaration of disaster shall be to activate the response and recovery aspects of any and all applicable local and inter-jurisdictional disaster emergency plans and to authorize the

furnishing of aid and assistance under such plans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the principal executive officers of all other cities and towns in San Miguel County affected by said disaster are urged to proclaim similar declarations and to cooperate with San Miguel County as necessary to cope with this incident.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be effective immediately and shall remain in effect until the Town Council declares the disaster has passed and nullifies this Resolution. True copies will be filed promptly with the Colorado Division of Disaster Emergency Services and the San Miguel County Clerk and Recorder and shall be promptly distributed to the appropriate representatives of the news media.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that during the current public health emergency the Town Manager shall have access to the Town's emergency funds mandated by the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR) as set forth in Article X, Section 20, Subsection (5) of the Colorado Constitution, entitled "Emergency Reserves." Funds utilized pursuant to this Resolution shall be replenished no later than the conclusion of the fiscal year following the end of the current public health emergency as determined by the Town Council.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Town Council at a regular public meeting held on the 19th day of March 2020.

TOWN OF MOUNTAIN VILLAGE,
TOWN COUNCIL

By: 
Laila Benitez, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kim Montgomery, Acting Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Jim Mahoney, Assistant Town Attorney