WHEREAS, the Coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to spread throughout the State of Arizona, putting communities like the City of Buckeye, Arizona at risk; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the Governor of the State of Arizona, Douglas A. Ducey, declared a state of emergency for the State of Arizona; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States, Donald J. Trump, declared a national state of emergency for the United States; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the President of the United States issued “Coronavirus Guidelines for America,” emphasizing the serious threat to public health, safety and welfare represented by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Buckeye City Code § 2-2-4 and A.R.S. §§ 26-307 and 26-311, the Mayor of the City of Buckeye (the “Mayor”) may declare a local emergency to exist due to, among other things, a natural or man-made calamity; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has determined a local emergency exists because of the threats to public health and safety created by the calamity that COVID-19 represents;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jackie A. Meck, Mayor of the City of Buckeye, do hereby proclaim a local disaster to exist in Buckeye, Arizona, and urge all of our citizens to take the necessary precautions and to follow the guidance and directives of government officials to help mitigate the effects of COVID-19 on the City of Buckeye.

FURTHER, I direct the City Manager, or designee, to coordinate emergency operations for Buckeye and to take all appropriate actions needed to mitigate the effects COVID-19 on Buckeye.

FURTHER, I declare that all existing laws, ordinances, orders, rules, and regulations in conflict with this proclamation shall be suspended during the time of this proclamation to the extent they conflict.

This proclamation shall be effective immediately and shall remain in effect until a withdrawal of the Proclamation of Emergency, filed with the Clerk. Additional regulations may be forthcoming as needed.

Given under my hand in these free United States in the City of Buckeye on the eighteenth day of March, two thousand twenty and to which I have caused the Seal of the City of Buckeye to be affixed and have made this proclamation public.

Signed: ____________________________
Jackie A. Meck, Mayor

Attest: ____________________________
Lucinda J. Ajia, City Clerk