

## PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ELOY, ARIZONA, DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF A CITY STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) officially declared a pandemic due to the COVID-19 outbreak and 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 the President of the United States found and proclaimed that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constituted a national emergency; and,

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020 the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), in accordance with its guidance for large events and mass gatherings, recommended that for the next eight weeks, organizers (whether groups or individuals) cancel or postpone in-person events that consist of 50 people or more throughout the United States, and is expected to adjust that directive to ten people or more; and,

**WHEREAS**, on March 15, 2020, Governor Ducey ordered statewide closures of all Arizona schools through Friday, March 27, 2020; and,

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

**WHEREAS**, that in order to flatten the curve of the spread of the COVID-19 virus, keep our hospitals from becoming overwhelmed, and maximize available funding, as follows:

1. Public gathering places, such as bars, clubs, libraries, gyms, and other places where groups in excess of ten congregate, are <u>recommended</u> to take measures to implement social distancing; and,

- 2. All restaurants, food courts, cafes, coffeehouses, retails food facilities, and other similar businesses and establishments are <u>recommended</u> to take measures to implement social distancing, and increase the use of delivery service, window service, drive-through service, or drive up service, and to use precautions in doing so to mitigate the potential transmission of COVID-19, including social distancing; and,
- 3. Members of the public are encouraged to:
  - a. Use social distancing and avoid groups of ten or more people; and,
  - b. Avoid contact with those with elevated risks associated with COVID-19; and,
  - c. Stay home and contact your medical provider if you or others in your household feel sick; and,
  - d. Stay home and away from other people if you are an older person or you have a serious underlying condition that can put you at increased risk, for example, a condition that impairs your lung or heart function or weakens your immune system; and,
  - e. Practice good personal hygiene, such as regularly washing your hands, avoid touching your face, sneezing into a tissue or the inside of your elbow, and frequently disinfecting.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Eloy City Code Section 2-54(F) and Arizona Revised Statutes (ARS) §26-307 to proclaim that a local emergency exists and, thereafter, to impose all necessary regulations to preserve the peace and order of the City; and,

WHEREAS, this PROCLAMATION will facilitate the ability of the City to apply for Federal assistance to address this local emergency; and,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as the Mayor of City of Eloy, I do hereby declare a local state of emergency for the City of Eloy and hereby cancel public events in which there are more than ten attendees.

## NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND DECLARED AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. A local emergency exists in the City of Eloy, Arizona due to the COVID-19 outbreak, which endangers life or property within the City.
- 2. As a result of said emergency I hereby impose the following measures to preserve the peace and order of the City:

- a. Closing public access to the City Hall, Public Works, Community Services, Troy Thomas Center, Toltec Senior Center, and Santa Cruz/Eloy Library until further notice; and,
- b. Closing public access to the following public facilities inside designated public parks and recreation areas:
  - restrooms
  - playgrounds
  - pools
  - skate/bike parks
- 3. These emergency measures shall remain in full force and effect until such time as the emergency declared herein abates and is withdrawn, or a subsequent Proclamation is issued with amendments.
- 4. In accordance with ARS §26-307(B), this **PROCLAMATION** shall be effective when a copy thereof is filed in the office of the CITY CLERK. Existing laws, ordinances, orders, rules and regulations in conflict with the same are hereby suspended during the time and to the extent that they conflict.

IT IS FURTHER DECLARED THAT THIS EMERGENCY DECLARATION shall remain in effect until Further Order of the MAYOR and CITY COUNCIL of ELOY Arizona.

**PROCLAIMED** this 18th day of March 2020 at the City of Eloy, Arizona.

**CITY OF ELOY** 

Mayor Joel G. Belloc

ATTEST:

Mary Myers, City Clerk