## **PROCLAMATION**

## **Declaration of Local Emergency**

- Whereas, the Coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to spread throughout the State of Arizona, putting communities like the City of Litchfield Park, 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 Litchfield Park City Code § 2-2-4 and A.R.S. §§ 26-307 and 26-311, the Mayor of the City of Litchfield Park (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, Thomas L. Schoaf, Mayor of the City of Litchfield Park, do hereby proclaim a local emergency to exist in Litchfield Park, 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 Litchfield Park.
- Further, I direct the City Manager, or designee, to coordinate emergency operations for Litchfield Park and to take all appropriate actions needed to mitigate the effects COVID-19 on Litchfield Park.
- 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 that they conflict.
- This proclamation shall be effective immediately and shall remain in effect until a withdrawal of the Proclamation of Emergency, has been filed with the City Clerk. Additional regulations may be forthcoming as needed.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Litchfield Park to be affixed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

L. Schoaf, Mayor

**ATTEST** 

Terri Roth, CMC, City Clerk