

RESOLUTION NO. 22-2020

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTERVILLE TO
PROCLAIM THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY**

RESOLVED, by the City Council (the “Council”) of the City of Porterville (the “City”), as follows:

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is a respiratory disease which the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) considers to be a very serious public health threat with outcomes ranging from mild to severe sickness and death; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is easily transmissible from person to person and has spread globally to over 118 countries, infected more than 125,000, and killed more than 4,000 as of March 11, 2020 per the World Health Organization (WHO); and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Public Health and Human Services declared a public emergency for COVID-19 beginning on January 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom declared a state of emergency in the State of California due to the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the State; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, WHO made the assessment that COVID-19 can be characterized as a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Tulare County declared an emergency due to the confirmed case of COVID-19 at Sierra View Medical Center in the city of Porterville, thus enabling Tulare County to take extraordinary measures; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Governor Newsom announced that California public health officials have determined that gatherings of more than 250 people should be postponed or canceled across the State at least until the end of March; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 therefore and will continue to cause conditions of peril to the health, safety, and welfare of persons and property in the City of Porterville; and

WHEREAS, preparing for, responding to, mitigating, and recovering from the spread of COVID-19 requires the City to divert resources from normal day-to-day operations, and has and will continue to impose extraordinary requirements on and expenses to the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council hereby finds that the above described conditions related to the COVID-19 outbreak does warrant and necessitate the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency in the city of Porterville.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby **DECLARED** and **ORDERED**, as follows:

1. The proclamation of existence of a local emergency exists throughout the City of Porterville.
2. The local emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is proclaimed by the City Council of the City of Porterville.
3. As required by law, the City Council shall review the need to continue the state of emergency every thirty (30) days until this Resolution is terminated.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 17th day of March, 2020.



Martha A. Flores, Mayor

ATTEST:
John D. Lollis, City Clerk

By: 

Patrice Hildreth, Chief Deputy City Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
 CITY OF PORTERVILLE) SS
 COUNTY OF TULARE)

I, JOHN D. LOLLIS, the duly appointed City Clerk of the City of Porterville do hereby certify and declare that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the resolution passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Porterville at a meeting of the Porterville City Council duly called and held on the 17th day of March, 2020.

Said resolution was duly passed, approved, and adopted by the following vote:

Council:	PEÑALOZA	REYES	FLORES	STOWE	GURROLA
AYES:	X	X	X	X	
NOES:					
ABSTAIN:					
ABSENT:					X

JOHN D. LOLLIS, City Clerk

By: Fernando Gabriel-Moraga, Deputy City Clerk