

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2020 -14**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AVENAL DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OR THREATENED EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO COVID-19 AND, INCLUDING, OTHER RELATED IMPACTS.**

**WHEREAS**, Title 4-2.01 et seq. of the City of Avenal Municipal Code empowers the Director of Emergency Services for the City of Avenal to request the City Council to declare/proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when the City of Avenal is affected or likely to be affected by the actual or threatened existence of extreme conditions of disaster and peril to the safety of persons within the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Avenal does hereby find as follows:

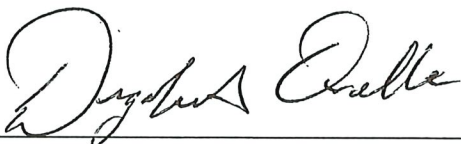
1. International, national, state, and local health and governmental authorities are responding to an outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a novel coronavirus, known as "Coronavirus 2019," (COVID-19); and
2. COVID-19 is not yet fully understood, reported symptoms and illnesses from COVID-19 range from mild to severe which could result in death; and
3. Center for Disease Control and Prevention has stated that certain populations face elevated risk and widespread transmission of COVID-19 would translate into large numbers of people needing medical care at the same time and other critical infrastructure may also be affected; and
4. On January 30, 2020, the International Health Regulations Emergency Committee of the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of a "Public Health Emergency of International Concern"; and
5. On January 31, 2020, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services declared a Public Health Emergency to aid the nation's healthcare community in responding to COVID-19; and
6. On March 4, 2020, the Governor of the State of California declared a State of Emergency to make additional resources available, formalize emergency actions already underway across multiple state agencies and departments, and help the state prepare for the spread of COVID-19; and
7. On March 11, 2020, the Director-General of the World Health Organization characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic; and
8. On March 12, 2020, the City began actively implementing measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to prepare for any and all emergency actions in response to the spread of COVID-19; and
9. On March 13, 2020, the President of the United States of America declared a National Emergency noting the federal government would make \$50 billion in emergency funding to assist state and local governments in preventing the spread of and addressing the effects of COVID-19; and

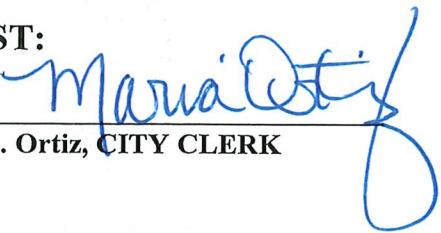
10. On March 13, 2020, the Reef Sunset Unified School District ordered all district schools closed to students through April 13, 2020; and
11. On March 19, 2020, the Governor of California issued a "Shelter in Place" order for the entire state; and
12. As of March 24, 2020, COVID 19 continues to spread nationally; and
13. The spread of COVID 19 has also affected California with the increased spread of cases including identified cases within the Central Valley; and
14. The City of Avenal intends to continue taking the necessary steps to protect the public health and safety of our community; and, to assist when and where needed in responding to COVID 19 issues/concerns/matters during this local, state, and national public health emergency; and
15. The events described above are creating extreme conditions and peril; and, such conditions are likely to be and go beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the City.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Avenal does, hereby, declare a Local Emergency due to the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency as a result of COVID-19, and, further, authorize the Director of Emergency Services for the City to issue rules and regulations following such declaration as empowered by the Avenal Municipal Code as *well* as any other appropriate code/law which is in compliance with State and Federal law in order to protect the public health and safety of the community.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** at a special meeting of the Avenal City Council held on the 24<sup>th</sup> of March 2020 by the following roll call vote:

**AYES:** PRECIADO, HERNANDEZ, RAMIREZ, WOOLLEY, OVALLE.  
**NOES:** NONE.  
**ABSTAIN:** NONE.  
**ABSENT:** NONE.

**BY:**   
Dagoberto Ovalle, MAYOR

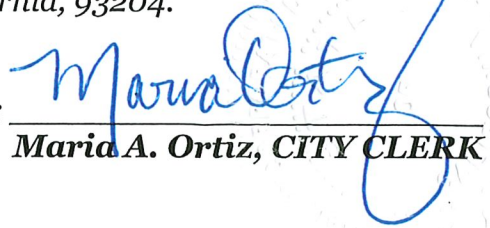
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Maria A. Ortiz, CITY CLERK

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA )**  
**COUNTY OF KINGS )**  
**CITY OF AVENAL )**

*I, Maria A. Ortiz, City Clerk of the City of Avenal, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 2020-14 is a true and correct copy and has been duly and regularly adopted by the Avenal City Council on March , 2020. Said copy is on file in my office at Avenal City Hall, 919 Skyline Blvd., Avenal, California, 93204.*

*Date: March 25, 2020*

ATTEST:

  
**Maria A. Ortiz, CITY CLERK**