



**DECLARATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY
BY THE TOWN OF FORT JONES CITY COUNCIL REGARDING COVID-19**

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is a respiratory disease that may result in serious illness or death and is easily transmissible from person to person; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Public Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar declared a public emergency for the novel coronavirus (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, the World Health Organization declared the novel coronavirus outbreak a global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Siskiyou County and President Donald Trump declared an emergency due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the health, safety and welfare of the Town of Fort Jones residents, businesses, visitors and staff is of utmost importance to the Town and additional future measures may be needed to protect the community; and

WHEREAS, the Town may require additional assistance in the future, and a formal declaration of emergency allows additional resources to flow to the Town in a timely fashion; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Fort Jones does hereby find that extraordinary measures are required to protect the public health, safety, and of persons and property within the Town of Fort Jones, that are or are likely to be beyond the control or capability of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the Town; and

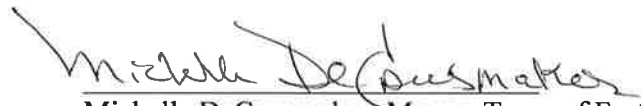
NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DECLARED that a local emergency now exists throughout the Town of Fort Jones due to the outbreak of COVID-19 throughout the United States of America; and

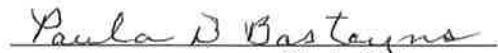
IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of the local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the Director of Emergency Services and the emergency organization of this Town shall be those prescribed by state law, by Town code, by ordinances and resolutions of this Town, and by the Town of Fort Jones Emergency measures, as approved by the City Council;

The foregoing Declaration was introduced and adopted at a regular meeting held on Tuesday, March 24, 2020 by the following vote:

AYES: M. De Causmaker, K. Tasem, M. Garcia, B. Beckwith, J. McFall
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

ATTEST:


Michelle DeCausmaker, Mayor, Town of Fort Jones


Paula Basteys, City Clerk, Town of Fort Jones