

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-23

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF COCONINO
COUNTY, ARIZONA, DECLARING A LOCAL EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the Coconino County Board of Supervisors is authorized by Arizona Revised Statutes § 26-311, to declare a local emergency in Coconino County due to a natural calamity; and

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, was first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China in December 2019, and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) considers this virus to be a significant public health threat that has spread globally; and

WHEREAS, on January 29th, 2020 the Coconino County COVID-19 Incident Command Team developed a Command and General Staff structure for the monitoring and preparedness measures surrounding COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on January 30th, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 illness a public health emergency of International concern and on January 31st, 2020 the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency due to the COVID-19 illness; and

WHEREAS, on February 26th, 2020 the COVID-19 Incident Command Team expanded as resource needs increased in reference to COVID-19; to include enhanced communications to the public through press releases, public meetings, cooperatior meetings and development of an informational website; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020 the Coconino County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was opened in reference to COVID-19 and the Joint Information Center was established for public information coordination related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued guidelines regarding mass gatherings and large community events, including recommending that gatherings of more than 50 individuals be postponed or cancelled and on March 18th, the Arizona Department of Health Services issued guidance that all events or gatherings of 10 or more individuals should be postponed or cancelled; and

WHEREAS, the County continues to plan and prepare for event and facility closures, modified staffing plans, work-from-home programs, and enhanced communications to employees to ensure for effective Continuity of Operations of County Government through the activation of the County Continuity of Operations Plans; and

WHEREAS, the County and partners have taken steps to increase sample collections for those who may be afflicted by COVID-19, provide for testing of residents, increase community services to those affected by this pandemic and partner with other government and non-governmental entities to support our communities; and

WHEREAS, the County has increased operations to support additional resources, logistics and tracking for the County EOC; and

WHEREAS, businesses in the County have reported negative economic impacts affecting the personal earnings of business owners and the workforce caused by social isolation measures and other public health preventive action intended to reduce the transmission of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the above facts give credence to the conditions of major economic impact, extreme peril and public health emergency; and the declaration of a local emergency will enable Coconino County to make appropriate orders, provide emergency resources, request additional resources and receive mutual aid from other political sub-divisions and entities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COCONINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS that a local emergency is hereby declared to exist throughout Coconino County due to extreme peril and the public health emergency created by the COVID-19 pandemic;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, during the existence of said local emergency, the County shall continue to follow the guidance of the Centers for Disease Control and the Arizona Department of Health Services on the COVID-19 pandemic;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, during the existence of said local emergency, the powers, functions and duties of the emergency organization of this County shall be those prescribed by A.R.S. § 26-311, § 26-307 (D), by other state law, by ordinances and resolutions of Coconino County and the County Emergency Operations Plan;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Manager and Chief Health Officer are authorized to implement the guidance of the CDC and ADHS as this fluid pandemic situation evolves, as allowed by law.

This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption due to the foregoing emergency and shall remain in effect until rescinded by the Board of Supervisors.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 18th day of March, 2020.

AYES: 5
NOS: 0
ABSENT: 0



COCONINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Lena Fowler

Lena Fowler, Chairman

ATTEST:

Lindsay Daley

Lindsay Daley, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Rose Winkeler

Rose Winkeler, Deputy County Attorney