Nevada Governor Steve Sisolak

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY FOR COVID-19

WHEREAS, *Nevada Revised Statutes, Chapter 414, authorizes the Governor to issue a proclamation declaring a state of emergency when a natural emergency or disaster of major proportions has occurred within this state, and the assistance of state agencies is needed to supplement the efforts and capabilities of political subdivisions to save lives, protect property, and protect the health and safety of persons in this state, particularly through a coordinated response; and*

WHEREAS, *the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are responding to an outbreak of a respiratory illness that has since been confirmed in numerous countries, including the United States; and*

WHEREAS, *the respiratory disease has been named coronavirus disease 2019, abbreviated as COVID-19; and*

WHEREAS, *the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic; and*

WHEREAS, *the State of Nevada has been coordinating with the federal government, as well as local health authorities, health care facilities, and providers of health care to prepare for, and identify possible cases of COVID-19 in the State of Nevada; and*

WHEREAS, *the nearby states of California, Washington, Oregon, Arizona, and Utah have been impacted by COVID-19 and have already declared a state of emergency; and*

WHEREAS, *there are multiple confirmed and presumptive cases of COVID-19 in the State of Nevada; and*

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WHEREAS, *the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services is working with local health authorities to identify any other potential cases of COVID-19 in the State; and*

WHEREAS, *the Chief Medical Officer has reported that a public health emergency exists in the State; and*

WHEREAS, *the Governor has determined that the State of Nevada is experiencing events that require a coordinated response for the health and safety of the public; and*

WHEREAS, *Article 5, Section 1 of the Nevada Constitution provides: "The supreme executive power of this State, shall be vested in a Chief Magistrate who shall be Governor of the State of Nevada."*

NOW, THEREFORE, *I, Steve Sisolak, Governor of the State of Nevada, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Nevada, hereby declare an emergency and direct all state agencies to supplement the efforts of all impacted and threatened counties to save lives, protect property, and protect the health and safety of persons in this state. Under my authority, I will perform and exercise such other functions, powers, and duties as are necessary to promote and secure the safety and protection of the civilian population.*

SECTION 1:	The State Emergency Operations Center be activated to coordinate a response to minimize the impacts, and prevent the further transmission of, COVID-19 to persons in this state; and
SECTION 2:	An Emergency Team be established to coordinate the response to COVID-19; and
SECTION 3:	The Emergency Team will consult with the Nevada Tribal Emergency Coordinating Council to ensure a coordinated response to COVID-19; and
	The Administrator of the State Purchasing Division, pursuant to Nevada Administrative

SECTION 4:	Code 333.114, to the extent necessary, may authorize an emergency purchase for any amount, or provide the using agency with written authorization for the emergency purchase, including, without limitation, a description of the justification for authorizing the emergency purchase, and suspend the standard procurement process to allow the purchase of food, supplies, services, and equipment; and
SECTION 5:	Law enforcement, including the Nevada Attorney General, will diligently monitor and investigate a coordinated increase in prices for goods or services, and particularly goods or services necessary for the health and safety of the public or that result in economic hardships, making false representations, ''bait and switch" practices, failure to disclose material facts in conjunction with the sale of goods or services, or the use of coercion, duress, or intimidation in a transaction in violation of consumer protection laws; and
SECTION 6:	Law enforcement, including the Nevada Attorney General, will diligently ensure that persons or corporations act and perform in a lawful manner which ensures the safety, health, comfort, or repose of any considerable number of the public, do not offend public decency, or in any way renders a considerable number of persons insecure in life or the use of property.
SECTION 7:	This declaration will remain in effect until the Chief Medical Officer notifies the Governor that the health event has been abated and the Governor issues an order terminating the emergency.

Emergency Order Instructions

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed at the State Capitol in Carson City, this 12th day of March, in the year two thousand twenty.

Governor of the State of Nevada

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