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Nevada Governor Steve Sisolak

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY DIRECTIVE 008

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, I, Steve Sisolak, Governor of the State of Nevada issued a Declaration of Emergency to facilitate the State's response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Donald J. Trump, President of the United States declared a nationwide emergency pursuant to Sec. 501(6) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5207 (the "Stafford Act"); and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) and United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have advised that there is a correlation between density of persons gathered and the risk of transmission of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, as of March 29, 2020, the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services is reporting 738 positive cases of COVID-19, and 15 deaths resulting from COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, close proximity to other persons is currently contraindicated by public health and medical best practices to combat COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, NRS 414.060 outlines powers and duties delegated to the Governor during the existence of a state of emergency, including without limitation, directing and controlling the conduct of the general public and the movement and cessation of movement of pedestrians and vehicular traffic during, before and after exercises or an emergency or disaster, public meetings or gatherings; and

WHEREAS, NRS 414.070 outlines additional powers delegated to the Governor during the existence of a state of emergency, including without limitation, enforcing all laws and regulations relating to emergency management and assuming direct operational control of any or all forces, including, without limitation, volunteers and auxiliary staff for emergency management in the State; providing for and compelling the evacuation of all or part of the population from any stricken or threatened area or areas within the State and to take such steps as are necessary for the receipt and care of those persons; and performing and exercising such other functions, powers and duties as are necessary to promote and secure the safety and protection of the civilian population; and

WHEREAS, the Nevada Attorney General opined in Opinion Number 57-336 that "[t]here can be no question but that the Legislature intended to give to the Governor the broadest possible powers consistent with constitutional government in a time of dire emergency"; and

WHEREAS, I ordered a closure of nonessential businesses and Nevada's public and charter schools that, in addition to adverse economic conditions resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, is negatively impacting financial stability of a significant number of individuals, families, and businesses statewide, hindering the ability of Nevadans and businesses to make timely mortgage or rent payments; and

WHEREAS, stability in housing is essential for all Nevadans to abide by social distancing recommendations that aid in containing the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, removal of Nevadans from their homes by foreclosure or eviction increases vulnerability to transmission of COVID-19, which in turn increases the general public health risk resulting from spread of

COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, *efforts to treat, prevent, or reduce the spread of COVID-19 may make it medically necessary and reasonable to require individuals to remain in isolation or quarantine at their homes or otherwise remain indoors; and*

WHEREAS, *to avoid serious health, safety, welfare, and financial consequences that may result from the eviction, foreclosure or other removal of Nevadans and businesses from their homes or establishments during this emergency, it is reasonable and necessary to suspend eviction and foreclosure actions or proceedings related to residential and commercial real property in Nevada; and*

WHEREAS, *on March 18, 2020, the President of the United States announced the Department of Housing and Urban Development, in an effort to provide immediate relief to renters and homeowners, will temporarily suspend all foreclosures and evictions, and at least nine other states around the nation having taken similar actions as of March 25, 2020; and*

WHEREAS, *on March 25, 2020, the United States Congress passed an aid-package that is intended to provide substantial economic assistance to businesses, individuals, and families throughout the nation, and a temporary suspension of eviction and foreclosure actions or proceedings will give Nevadans and businesses facing financial hardship resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic a grace period to obtain financial assistance made available through this extensive aid-package, as well as others, while allowing them to maintain essential stability in housing and business establishments; 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, *by the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Nevada and the United States, and pursuant to the March 12, 2020 Emergency Declaration,*

SECTION 1:	No lockout, notice to vacate, notice to pay or quit, eviction, foreclosure action, or other proceeding involving residential or commercial real estate based upon a tenant or mortgagee's default of any contractual obligations imposed by a rental agreement or mortgage may be initiated under any provision of Nevada law effective March 29, 2020, at 11:59 p.m., until the state of emergency under the March 12, 2020 Declaration of Emergency terminates, expires, or this Directive is rescinded by order of the Governor. This provision does not prohibit the eviction of persons who seriously endanger the public or other residents, engage in criminal activity, or cause significant damage to the property.
SECTION 2:	That an individual has tested positive for COVID-19 or has been potentially exposed to the novel coronavirus that causes COVID-19 does not serve as a basis for establishing that a tenant or resident seriously endangered the safety of others.
SECTION 3:	No provision contained in this Directive shall be construed as relieving any party of their contractual obligations to pay rent, make mortgage payments, or comply with any other obligations imposed on parties by a lease, rental agreement, or mortgage. Landlords and lenders, however, shall be prohibited from charging any late fees or penalties for any nonpayment under the terms of a lease, rental agreement, or mortgage that occurs between the date of this Directive and the termination or expiration of the March 12, 2020 Declaration of Emergency or the date on which this Directive is rescinded by order of the Governor.
SECTION 4:	No provision contained in this Directive shall be construed o prohibit the continuation of any eviction or foreclosure action or proceeding predating the March 12, 2020 Declaration of Emergency.
SECTION 5:	Eviction of foreclosure actions currently being adjudicated by a court shall be stayed until the state of emergency declared on March 12, 2020 terminates or expires. This limitation shall not include current eviction or foreclosure proceedings stemming from threats by a tenant or resident to public health or safety, criminal activity, or significant damage to the property.
SECTION 6:	To the extent any agencies providing rental assistance to tenants in Nevada ordinarily require the tenant to provide a seven-day eviction notice issued under NRS 40.253(1) as a prerequisite to obtaining rental assistance, a landlord's or property manager's written notice of nonpayment of rent establishing the delinquency in payment shall be considered as a substitute for the notice of eviction in determining an individual's eligibility for rental assistance while this Directive remains in effect.

SECTION 7:	After the termination or expiration of the March 12, 2020 Declaration of Emergency relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, and abatement of the financial hardships created by the COVID-19 pande1uic, borrowers, lenders, tenants, and landlords are encouraged to negotiate payment plans or other agreements within 30 days of the termination of this Directive to allow borrowers and tenants to cure any defaults or missed payments resulting from a financial hardship resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.
SECTION 8:	This Directive shall remain in effect until the state of emergency declared on March 12, 2020 is terminated or unless renewed by a subsequent Directive promulgated pursuant to the March 12, 2020 Declaration of Emergency to facilitate the State's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

2020-03-29 Declaration of Emergency Directive 008 re: Evictions - it is hereby ordered that:

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 29th day of March, in the year two thousand twenty.

Governor of the State of Nevada

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