STATE OF WYOMING
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
EXECUTIVE ORDER

Order 2020-2

DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY AND A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on or about December 31, 2019, a new and significant outbreak of pneumonia with an unknown source was detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province China. The cause associated with these cases was linked to a novel coronavirus disease later named COVID-19. Since the initial detection in China, COVID-19 has spread worldwide.

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of COVID-19 a public health emergency of international concern; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services declared a national public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has rapidly spread around the globe. As of March 13, 2020 there are 137,445 confirmed cases of COVID-19 reported in 117 countries; and

WHEREAS, the United States has similarly experienced an increase in cases of COVID-19 with a total of 1,629 cases identified in at least 46 states; and

WHEREAS, On March 11, 2020, an individual within the State of Wyoming tested presumptive positive for COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wyoming is experiencing a public health emergency in response to the evolving outbreak of the novel coronavirus as of March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, this situation may become too large in scope to be handled by the normal county and local government services; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Health and Human Services may deploy assets from the pandemic cache including medication and personal protective equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution and statutes of the State of Wyoming, particularly the provision of Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 19-13-102 and 19-13-104, 35-4-115(a)(i) and all amendments and supplements thereto, confer upon the Governor of the State of Wyoming and the authority and responsibility of carrying out the provisions of the Wyoming Homeland Security Act.

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NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Constitution and by the laws of the State of Wyoming, I, Mark Gordon, do hereby declare a state of emergency and a public health emergency, and therefore order and direct the following:

1. The Director of the Office of Homeland Security, in accordance with the homeland security plan and program for this state, to take all appropriate and necessary actions, including but not limited to, the partial or full mobilization of homeland security organizations and personnel in response to this actual public health emergency to insure the furnishing of adequately trained and equipped forces of homeland security personnel in time of need.

2. The Adjutant General, in accordance with Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 19-9-207(a)(iii), to order to state active duty members of the Wyoming National Guard who, in the Adjutant General's judgment, are necessary to provide aid to those localities where there is a threat or danger to the public health, safety and welfare and to authorize the employment of any supporting vehicles, equipment, communications, or supplies as may be necessary to support the members so ordered.

3. The Director of the Wyoming Department of Health in accordance with but not limited to Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 35-1-240, 35-1-227, 35-4-101 to 115; to take all appropriate and necessary actions, and in the Director's judgment any actions necessary to provide aid to those locations where there is a threat or danger to public health, safety and welfare.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until such time it is rescinded.

Given under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Wyoming this 13th day of March 2020.

Mark Gordon
Governor