

Davis County Commission

PROCLAMATION DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY AND INVOKING EMERGENCY POWERS IN DAVIS COUNTY DUE TO A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, pursuant to Utah Code Ann. §§ 53-2a-205 and 208 the Board of Davis County Commissioners has authority to declare a local emergency for Davis County;

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2020, the Utah Department of Health ("UDOH") activated its Department of Operations Center in response to the evolving COVID-19 global pandemic. The UDOH recognizes COVID-19 as an imminent threat to the health and safety of the residents of the State of Utah ("Utah"); and

WHEREAS, on February 28, 2020, the State Emergency Operations Center raised its activation level to "Level 3 – Elevated Action." The Utah Division of Emergency Management ("UDEM") and the UDOH activated a Joint Information System for public information; and

WHEREAS, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") has identified the potential public health threat posed by COVID-19 both globally and in the United States as "high," and has advised that person-to-person spread of COVID-19 will continue to occur globally, including within the United States; and

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2020, Utah Governor Gary R. Herbert issued an executive order declaring a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Trump declared the outbreak of COVID-19 to be a national emergency committing federal resources to the states to combat the impacts of the spread of the virus on individuals, our public health system, and our communities; and

WHEREAS, the UDOH recognizes that confirmed community transmission in the United States significantly increases the risk of exposure and infection to the general public within Utah, which creates a public health risk that may spread quickly; and

WHEREAS, Davis County has experienced an outbreak of the COVID-19 virus which has impacted the citizens of Davis County's municipalities, townships, and unincorporated Davis County; and

WHEREAS, the Davis County Health Department has discovered evidence of community transmission in surrounding counties making it likely that community transmission will, at some point, enter Davis County; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Davis County Health Department has asked the Board of Davis County Commissioners to declare a public health emergency, and

WHEREAS, these conditions create a local emergency according to the laws of the State of Utah:

THEREFORE, BE IT DECLARED BY THE BOARD OF DAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

- **Section 1. Public Health State of Emergency.** A local emergency exists for Davis County due to COVID-19.
- **Section 2. Emergency Powers.** All necessary emergency powers and operations authorized under Utah Code Ann. § 53-2a-205 and 208 are hereby invoked, including the utilization of available resources to address the COVID-19 outbreak. All applicable local disaster and emergency plans are hereby activated.
- **Section 3.** Assistance. The County is authorized to request all assistance available to Davis County pursuant to the laws of the United States of America, the laws of the State of Utah, and the ordinances of Davis County and activate any and all applicable mutual aid agreements.
- **Section 4. County Operations.** County operations will be curtailed consistent with the recommendations contained in the Davis County Public Health Order.
- **Section 5. Duration**. This Declaration shall take effect immediately and be declared to be ongoing and continuing for no more than 30 days until terminated or extended pursuant to governing law.
- **Section 6. Publication**. This Declaration shall be on file for public inspection at the Davis County Clerk/Auditor's Office.
- **Section 7. Notice to Governor.** A copy of this Declaration shall be sent to the Office of the Governor of the State of Utah.

DATED this 18th DAY OF MARCH, 2020

Commissioner Bob J Stevenson

Commissioner Randy B. Elliott

DAVIS COUNTY HEALTH DIRECTOR

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