

**2020 LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY DECLARATION**  
**\*COVID-19\***

**WHEREAS**, on July 15, 2019, the Canyon County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) approved a Canyon County Emergency Operations Plan (April 2019 Plan); and

**WHEREAS**, such Plan, along with the provisions of Idaho Code Chapter 10, Title 46, provides a process designed to facilitate local disaster emergency response efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, Governor Brad Little proclaimed the existence of a public health emergency related to the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) throughout the State of Idaho, thereby activating disaster response and recovery aspects of state, local, and intergovernmental disaster emergency plans; and

**WHEREAS**, the Canyon County Emergency Management Coordinator has received notification that our partners in Ada County and its cities, along with all the cities within Canyon County, intend to similarly declare local disaster emergencies relating to COVID-19 conditions within their jurisdictions; and

**WHEREAS**, Idaho Code § 46-1011 allows the chairman of a board of county commissioners to declare a local disaster emergency, which in these circumstances would supplement the Governor's statewide proclamation and further ensure that the full range of potential response and recovery aspects of any state, local, and intergovernmental disaster emergency plans (including the Canyon County Plan described above) are available to Canyon County for the furnishing of aid and assistance, and application for additional resources as needed; and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency declaration must be filed with the Canyon County Recorder and "given prompt and general publicity."

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Chairman of the Board of Canyon County Commissioners does hereby declare:

That the proactive Statewide Proclamation issued by Governor Little, and the State's general response to the threat of COVID-19 has reflected a measured and flexible response to an evolving situation that Canyon County wishes to support; and

That there is risk to life and the continued operation of public infrastructure as a result of the potential for cases of COVID-19 in Canyon County, and that a local disaster emergency therefore exists and that all efforts may be made to protect the citizens and property of the County of Canyon through activation of all local disaster emergency plans and state emergency assistance; and

That this Local Disaster Emergency COVID-19 Declaration ("Declaration") is therefore intended to supplement and complement the Governor's Proclamation to ensure that all potential responses and resources are available to Canyon County; and

That this Declaration shall expire within seven (7) days unless the Board of Canyon County Commissioners expressly authorizes the continuance of such Declaration; and

That this Declaration shall be promptly filed with the Canyon County Recorder's Office; and

That prompt and general publicity shall be given by a press release notifying the public of this Declaration.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.



**Pam White, Chair** *Acting Chair*

ATTEST: CHRIS YAMAMOTO, CLERK

By:   
Deputy Clerk

