

TELLER COUNTY, COLORADO

**LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY DECLARATION
PERTAINING TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY
CAUSED BY THE 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS ("COVID-19")**

WHEREAS, Colorado law provides for declaring a local disaster emergency to assist local governments in responding to and recovering from emergency events, including epidemics.

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709(1), "A local disaster may be declared only by the principal executive officer of a political subdivision. It shall not be continued or renewed in excess of seven days except by or with the consent of the governing board of the political subdivision."

WHEREAS, "[t]he effect of a declaration of local disaster emergency is to activate the response and recovery aspects of any and all applicable local and interjurisdictional disaster and emergency plans and to authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance under such plans." C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709(2).

WHEREAS, a public health emergency exists in the State of Colorado and in Teller County based on the confirmed cases in the State of Colorado and the Pikes Peak Region of the contagious 2019 Novel Coronavirus ("COVID-19").

WHEREAS, there is an ongoing risk and likelihood of COVID-19 positive patients being identified in Teller County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DECLARED by the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Teller County, Colorado as follows:

1. Based on the foregoing, there exists an actual and imminent threat to the public health and safety of Teller County's residents.
2. This Declaration is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety, welfare and peace of the residents of Teller County.
3. The Director of Teller County's Office of Emergency Management is authorized to act in accordance with the County's emergency operations plan and to activate any applicable federal, state, or local intergovernmental agreement for mutual or disaster assistance.
4. All departments and divisions of the County are directed to cooperate with the Director of Teller County's Office of Emergency Management and with each other to provide assistance to the citizens of Teller County and to provide emergency and disaster assistance.

5. This Declaration shall be promptly filed with the Teller County Clerk and Recorder's Office and with the Colorado Office of Emergency Management.
6. This Declaration shall be given prompt and general publicity, including by posting on the Teller County website and in a County press release.
7. This Declaration shall remain in effect for a period of seven (7) days unless continued or renewed in excess of this time period by action of the Board of County Commissioners for Teller County.

Declared at an Emergency Meeting of the Teller County Board of County Commissioners this 17th Day of March 2020, in Teller County, Colorado.

By: _____

Marc Dettenrieder

Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, Teller County

Attest: _____

Krystal Brown, Clerk & Recorder

