

**CITY OF OURAY, COLORADO  
LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY DECLARATION**

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 is a highly contagious virus, originating in China, which has since spread to numerous countries worldwide, including the United States;

**WHEREAS**, the virus may cause serious illness or death in certain populations, particularly the elderly and people with underlying health conditions;

**WHEREAS**, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 a public health emergency of international concern, and on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services declared the virus a public health emergency;

**WHEREAS**, on March 10, 2020, the Governor of Colorado declared a State of Emergency for the State of Colorado due to COVID-19;

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of COVID-19 a pandemic;

**WHEREAS**, on March 12, 2020, Gunnison County, Colorado declared a local disaster emergency due to the presence of COVID-19;

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency under the 1988 Stafford Act due to COVID-19;

**WHEREAS**, on March 14, 2020, Hinsdale County, Colorado declared a local disaster emergency based upon the presence of COVID-19 in Gunnison County;

**WHEREAS**, on March 14, 2020, Mesa County discovered its first case of COVID-19;

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2002 at 4:00 p.m. Ouray County is expected to declare a local disaster emergency;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Ouray anticipates that cases of COVID-19 will occur in Ouray County and may result in serious illness or death for certain members of the community, and have the effect of interrupting the functioning of the community in terms of work attendance, school attendance, and the like;

**WHEREAS**, the expense and magnitude of responding to and recovering from the impact of a COVID-19 outbreak in the City of Ouray is in excess of the City's available resources;

**WHEREAS**, OLUC 2-8 provides for declaring a local disaster emergency to assist local governments in responding to and recovering from emergency events; and

**WHEREAS**, the effect of a declaration of local disaster emergency is to activate the

response and recovery aspects of all applicable local disaster and emergency plans and to authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance under such plans. C.R.S. ' 24-33.5-709(2);

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DECLARED** by the City of Ouray Council, Colorado that:

1. It is hereby determined and declared that the presence of the COVID-19 virus within the Western Slope constitutes a local disaster emergency that warrants the mobilizing of emergency response and the furnishing of aid and assistance.
2. This City of Ouray Disaster Emergency Declaration shall be promptly delivered to the Chief of Police who shall notify the public and the City Clerk.
3. This Declaration shall remain in effect until further notice.
4. This Declaration is necessary for the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of City of Ouray, State of Colorado.

**DECLARED** this 16th day of March 2020 in City of Ouray, Colorado at 2:00, p.m.

  
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Greg Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Melissa Drake, Clerk