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MODOC COUNTY PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY BY THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES, SHERIFF TEX DOWDY

WHEREAS, Modoc County Code Section 2.40.060 authorizes the Modoc County Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence of a "Local Emergency" when the Board of Supervisors is not in session when the County of Modoc is threatened by conditions of disaster or extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the County that are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the County, and the Board of Supervisors is not in session; and,

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services finds:

1. That at the time of this proclamation the Board of Supervisors is not in session; and,
2. Conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within the County of Modoc due to the following:
 - i. A novel coronavirus (named "2019-nCOV") was first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China, in December 2019. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) considers the virus to be a very serious public health threat, based on current information. In part, the virus is considered a serious public health threat because much is unknown. The exact modes of transmission, the factors facilitating human-to-human transmission, the extent of asymptomatic viral shedding, the groups most at risk of serious illness, the attack rate, and the case fatality rate all remain active areas of investigation. The CDC believes at this time that symptoms appear two to fourteen days after exposure. Currently, there is no vaccine or specific antiviral treatment for 2019-nCOV.
 - ii. The number of reported cases of 2019-nCOV and number of reported deaths from 2019-nCOV has escalated dramatically over a short period of time. To date, there are more than one hundred twenty-thousand (120,000) confirmed cases of 2019-nCOV and over four thousand (4,000) deaths from 2019-nCOV worldwide. Cases of 2019-nCOV, though concentrated in China, have been reported in more than one hundred and fourteen (114) countries, and include individuals who never visited China. Transmission from an asymptomatic individual has been documented. Community transmission of 2019-nCOV has been documented in patients in the United States with no known history of travel to a location with confirmed 2019-nCOV cases, and no known contact with a person with a confirmed 2019-nCOV case. The World Health Organization (WHO) has declared the outbreak to be a global health

pandemic. The United States Health and Human Services Agency has declared a public health emergency for the United States. California Governor Gavin Newsom has declared a state of emergency for California. More than thirty-eight (38) states have reported cases of 2019-nCoV throughout the United States. Thirteen (13) states in the United States have declared states of emergencies.

- iii. To date, the number of reported cases of 2019-nCoV in the United States is over one thousand and eighty (1080), and thirty-one (31) reported deaths. The number of reported cases of 2019-nCoV in California, to date, is one hundred and fifty-seven (157), including cases in Shasta County and Humboldt County. As of March 11, 2020, there have been three (3) confirmed deaths in California due to 2019-nCoV. Deaths have also been reported in Washington State, Florida, New Jersey and South Dakota. The State of Washington reports two hundred and seventy-three (273) confirmed cases of 2019-nCoV and New York State reports one hundred and seventy-six (176) cases to date. The State of Oregon has reported confirmed cases of 2019-nCoV in numerous counties including neighboring Klamath County and two confirmed cases in neighboring Washoe County in Nevada. The Modoc County Public Health Officer has determined that there is an imminent and proximate threat to public health from the introduction of 2019-nCoV to Modoc County, and has declared a Local Public Health Emergency as a result.
- iv. These conditions are beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of Modoc County and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to prepare for and combat. These conditions represent an imminent and proximate threat to public health in Modoc County from the introduction of 2019-nCoV in California.

WHEREAS, the potential of the aforementioned conditions of disaster and extreme peril warrant and necessitate the proclamation of a "Local Emergency";

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that a "Local Emergency" exists throughout the County of Modoc; and,

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said "Local Emergency", the powers, functions and duties of the Director of Emergency Services and the Office of Emergency Services of this County shall be those prescribed by State law and the ordinances, resolutions and approved plans of the County of Modoc in order to mitigate the effects of said "Local Emergency"; and,

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that said "Local Emergency" shall be deemed to continue to exist for the next seven (7) days, and thereafter by ratification of the Board of Supervisors, until its termination is proclaimed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Modoc; and,

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that a copy of this proclamation be forwarded to the Governor of California with the request that he proclaim the existence of a State of Emergency throughout the impacted areas of Modoc County and provide or request all eligible State and Federal financial assistance to the County and impacted local jurisdictions.

Dated: March 12, 2020
Time: 5:30 pm

William Dowdy, Director of Emergency Services
County of Modoc