DECLARATION OF EXISTENCE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Nye County Code Chapter 8.28.070 empowers the Board of Commissioners or the County Manager to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when said county is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared the coronavirus disease 2019 ("COVID-19") a global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Nevada declared the COVID-19 outbreak a state emergency; and WHEREAS, the President of the United States declared the COVID-19 outbreak a national emergency; and

WHEREAS, Nye County Code Section 8.28.070 empowers the County Manager to declare a state of emergency and seek subsequent ratification by the Board of County Commissioners (Board) when circumstances prohibit timely action by the Board.

THEREFORE, Nye County does hereby find:

That the conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within Nye County, caused by the COVID-19 Pandemic commencing on or about 7 p.m. on the 15th day of March, 2020; and

That the aforesaid conditions of the extreme peril warrant and necessitate the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency; and

That certain administrative functions, under the authority delegated to the County Manager, require flexibility in staffing levels and assignments normally addressed in collective bargaining agreements and merit personnel systems; and

That the administrative discretion in the enforcement of ordinances, rules and regulations, purchasing, and other government functions, as permitted by the Nevada Revised Statutes and the Nye County Code, will assist in the response and recovery of the emerging issues related to the spread of COVID-19.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED, that a local emergency now exists throughout Nye County; and

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IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that said local emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is proclaimed by the Nye County Board of Commissioners or the County Manager.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that the Director of Emergency Services is hereby designated as the authorized representative of Nye County for the purpose of receipt, processing and coordination of all inquiries and requirements necessary to obtain available state and federal assistance.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that the Nye County Sheriff maintains the responsibility for law enforcement and physical protection of Nye County assets, personnel, citizens and visitors and other responsibilities as cited in Ordinances and Nevada Revised Statutes.

NYE COUNTY

Tim Sutton, County Manager

Scott Lewis, Director of Emergency Management

Sharon Wehrly, Sheriff

John Koenig, Board Chair