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3 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
4 CITY OF LONG BEACH PROCLAIMING THE EXISTENCE
5 OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO IMMINENT AND
6 PROXIMATE THREAT TO PUBLIC HEALTH FROM THE
7 INTRODUCTION OF NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)
8 IN THE CITY, AND RATIFYING THE PROCLAMATION OF
9 LOCAL EMERGENCY BY THE CITY MANAGER AND
10 RATIFYING THE DECLARATION BY THE CITY HEALTH
11 OFFICER OF A LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY

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13 WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 8630, California Health
14 and Safety Code 101080, and Long Beach Municipal Code Section 2.69.060 empowers
15 the City Council to proclaim the existence of a local emergency to protect and preserve
16 public welfare when the City is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity; and

17 WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the current confirmed cases of Novel
18 Coronavirus (COVID-19) internationally, including California and multiple areas of the
19 United States, have prompted the federal government to declare that a public health
20 emergency exists nationwide; and

21 WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced on
22 February 26, 2020, that community spread of COVID-19 is likely to occur in the United
23 States; and

24 WHEREAS, based on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
25 statements, there is an ongoing risk and probability of COVID-19 positive patients being
26 identified in the City of Long Beach; and

27 WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the increase of reported cases and
28 deaths associated with COVID-19 has also prompted the Governor of the State of

1 California, Washington, and Florida to proclaim a state emergency, and Counties of Los
2 Angeles County, Orange, Santa Clara, San Diego, Sonoma, the City and County of San
3 Francisco, the City of Pasadena, to each proclaim a local emergency; and

4 WHEREAS, as a consequence, the City Health Officer of the City of Long
5 Beach did declare a local health emergency within the City on March 4, 2020; and

6 WHEREAS, as a consequence, the City Manager of the City of Long Beach
7 did proclaim a local emergency within the City on March 4, 2020; and

8 WHEREAS, the City Council finds that that newly identified COVID-19 is an
9 infectious and communicable disease, which creates a condition of extreme peril to the
10 health and safety of persons within the City, and which is likely to be beyond the ability
11 and resources of the City to control; and

12 WHEREAS, a declaration of a local emergency will assist in a coordinated
13 public health response to reduce transmission and illness severity, provide assistance to
14 health care providers, and mitigate the effects of this potential pandemic on the citizens
15 of the City; and

16 WHEREAS, the conditions and circumstances described above warrant and
17 necessitate that the City proclaim the existence of a local emergency; and

18 WHEREAS, the City Council desires to declare a local emergency and to
19 ratify the declaration of a local health emergency by the City Health Officer, and to ratify
20 the proclamation of local emergency by the City Manager, and to authorize the City
21 Manager to enter into any necessary agreements to obtain any emergency assistance to
22 implement necessary intervention activities to prevent a threatened epidemic of disease
23 in the community;

24 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as
25 follows:

26 Section 1. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 8630 and
27 Long Beach Municipal Code Section 2.69.060, the City Council hereby finds and
28 proclaims the existence of a local emergency caused by conditions or threatened

1 conditions of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Long Beach which, if not corrected,
2 constitutes a threatened epidemic with its resultant morbidity and mortality to the extreme
3 peril of health and safety of persons within the territorial limits of the City.

4 Section 2. Pursuant to Section 101080 of the California Health and
5 Safety Code, the City Council hereby ratifies the declaration by the City Health Officer of
6 a local health emergency in the City of Long Beach resulting from the presence or
7 potential presence of individuals susceptible to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) which, if
8 intervention measures are not instituted, pose a threat of an epidemic of said disease in
9 the community. The City Health Officer is authorized to take the necessary intervention
10 measures to protect and preserve the public health from said public health hazard.

11 Section 3. The City Manager is hereby authorized to furnish information,
12 to enter into agreements and to take all actions necessary to obtain State emergency
13 assistance to implement preventive measures to protect and preserve the public health of
14 the City from said public health hazard within the scope of the local emergency hereby
15 declared.

16 Section 4. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this resolution by
17 the City Council of the City of Long Beach and it shall thereupon take effect. The
18 requirement to renew a local health emergency pursuant to California Health and Safety
19 Code 101080, and the requirement to renew a local emergency pursuant to California
20 Government Code Section 8630, has been waived for the duration of the statewide
21 emergency by the Governor of the State of California in his Proclamation of a State of
22 Emergency dated March 4, 2020. In accordance with the provisions of Long Beach
23 Municipal Code Chapters 2.69 and 2.85, the City Clerk shall include the matter of the
24 necessity for continuing the local emergency and the local health emergency on the City
25 Council agenda for review at least every fourteen (14) days until the City Council
26 terminates said local emergency and local health emergency.

27 Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption
28 by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of March 10, 2020 by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Zendejas, Pearce, Price, Supernaw,
Mungo, Andrews, Richardson.

Noes: Councilmembers: None.

Absent: Councilmembers: Uranga, Austin.

Recusal(s): Councilmembers: None.

M. De La Haza
City Clerk

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