Disaster Declaration

WHEREAS, the City Code of the City of Aurora, Section 38-33 gives the City Manager the authority to declare that a state of disaster exists when a disaster has occurred or the threat of disaster is imminent; and

WHEREAS, the state of disaster shall continue until the City Manager finds that the threat of danger has passed or the disaster has been dealt with to the extent that disaster conditions no longer exist; and

WHEREAS, no state of disaster may continue for longer than seven days unless renewed by the consent of the majority of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City of Aurora, Colorado is experiencing serious emergency conditions as a result of the outbreak of COVID-19, causing a public health incident; and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, Governor Polis declared a state of epidemic disaster emergency in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak to be a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Trump issued a proclamation that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constitutes a national emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the City of Aurora declared a local state of emergency due to the outbreak of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, this incident has required a change in operations and policy for the City of Aurora in order to respond to the public health incident; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager of the City of Aurora, Colorado hereby finds, determines, and declares a Proclamation of a State of Disaster is necessary for the preservation and protection of the public health, safety, and welfare of the inhabitants of the City of Aurora, Colorado; and

WHEREAS, the state of disaster may be lifted when public health incident is mitigated; and

WHEREAS, this declaration of disaster shall remain in effect until the City Manager finds that the threat of danger has passed or the disaster has been dealt with to the extent that disaster conditions no longer exist or for seven days, unless and until such declaration is renewed by the consent of the majority of the City Council.

NOW THEREFORE, I proclaim there to be State of Disaster.

Dated this 18 day of March, 2020.

Jim Twombly, City Manager City of Aurora, Colorado

Approved as to form:

Sabelle Evans