

## **DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY**

## **DIRECTIVE 010**

## STAY AT HOME ORDER

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, I, Steve Sisolak, Governor of the State of Nevada issued a Declaration of Emergency to facilitate the State's response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Donald J. Trump, President of the United States declared a nationwide emergency pursuant to Sec. 501(b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5207 (the "Stafford Act"); and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization and United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have advised that there is a correlation between density of persons gathered and the risk of transmission of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, close proximity to other persons is currently contraindicated by public health and medical best practices to combat COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, recreational social gatherings unnecessarily extend periods of interpersonal contact and promulgates spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the rate of community spread of COVID-19 can only be reduced by minimizing contact between infected persons and non-infected persons; and

WHEREAS, public health experts and epidemiologists indicate that COVID-19 may spread from infected persons to non-infected persons prior to the expression of symptoms in the infected person; and

WHEREAS, immediate containment of the spread of COVID-19 is vital to protect the Health and Safety of the Nevada public; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, I directed Nevadans to implement physical distancing measures to minimize opportunities for the disease to spread from infected persons to non-infected persons; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, I issued Directive 003 pursuant to the March 12, 2020 Declaration of Emergency to facilitate the State's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and ordered the closure of all non-essential

businesses, and restricted the activities of essential businesses to reduce opportunities for interpersonal contact whereby the novel coronavirus that causes COVID-19 may be spread from infected persons to non-infected persons; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, the Department of Public Safety promulgated emergency regulations defining essential and non-essential businesses, specifically including Essential Healthcare operations and Essential Infrastructure operations;

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2020, I issued Directive 007 pursuant to the March 12, 2020 Declaration of Emergency to facilitate the State's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and ordered Nevadans to cease congregating in public spaces; and

WHEREAS, on March 29, 2020, Donald J. Trump, President of the United States, recommended the continuation of limitations on gatherings through April 30, 2020, and

WHEREAS, as of March 31, 2020, the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services is reporting 1,113 positive cases of COVID-19, and 17 deaths resulting from COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's COVID-19 Medical Advisory Team has advised that Nevada has not yet experienced its peak infection rates of the COVID-19 disease; and

WHEREAS, NRS 414.060 outlines powers and duties delegated to the Governor during the existence of a state of emergency, including without limitation, directing and controlling the conduct of the general public and the movement and cessation of movement of pedestrians and vehicular traffic during, before and after exercises or an emergency or disaster, public meetings or gatherings; and

WHEREAS, NRS 414.070 outlines additional powers delegated to the Governor during the existence of a state of emergency, including without limitation, enforcing all laws and regulations relating to emergency management and assuming direct operational control of any or all forces, including, without limitation, volunteers and auxiliary staff for emergency management in the State; providing for and compelling the evacuation of all or part of the population from any stricken or threatened area or areas within the State and to take such steps as are necessary for the receipt and care of those persons; and performing and exercising such other functions, powers and duties as are necessary to promote and secure the safety and protection of the civilian population; and

WHEREAS, Article 5, Section 1 of the Nevada Constitution provides: "The supreme executive power of this State, shall be vested in a Chief Magistrate who shall be Governor of the State of Nevada;" and

**NOW THEREFORE**, by the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Nevada and the United States, and pursuant to the March 12, 2020, Emergency Declaration,

## IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- SECTION 1: The March 12, 2020 Declaration of Emergency is hereby extended to April 30, 2020. All Directives promulgated pursuant to this Declaration shall be in force for the duration that the Declaration of Emergency shall be in effect, unless specifically terminated by a subsequent order.
- SECTION 2: With limited exceptions identified below, all Nevadans are ordered to stay in their residences. Gatherings of individuals outside the home is prohibited, subject to the same exceptions.

- SECTION 3: Individuals may leave their residences to provide services, perform work necessary, or obtain services from Essential Healthcare operations (as defined by Section 1(a) of the March 20, 2020 Emergency Regulations) on behalf of themselves, pets, or those in their household.
- SECTION 4: Individuals may leave their residences to provide services or perform work necessary to the operations of Essential Infrastructure operations (as defined by Section 1(b) of the March 20, 2020 Emergency Regulations).
- SECTION 5: Individuals may leave their residences to perform work necessary or obtain services or goods necessary from other Essential Licensed Businesses (as defined by Section 1 of the March 20, 2020 Emergency Regulations).
- SECTION 6: This Directive does not prohibit individuals from engaging in outdoor activity, including without limitation, activities such as hiking, walking, or running, so long as the activity complies with all requirements of Emergency Directive 007, participants maintain at least 6 feet distancing from other individuals, and individuals do not congregate in groups beyond their household members.
- SECTION 7: Individuals experiencing homelessness are exempt from this Directive.
- SECTION 8: This Directive shall remain in effect until April 30, 2020, unless renewed by a subsequent Directive promulgated pursuant to the March 12, 2020 Declaration of Emergency to facilitate the State's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed at the State Capitol in Carson City, this 31st day of March, in the year two thousand twenty.

Governor of the State of Nevada

Secretary of State

Deputy Secretary of State