

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-11**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, RATIFYING THE ACTION OF THE CITY MANAGER ACTING AS THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES IN PROCLAIMING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE**

**WHEREAS**, California Government Code section 8630 and Torrance Municipal Code section 16.2.5 empowers the City Council to proclaim the existence of a local emergency to protect and preserve the public welfare when the City is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), a new communicable disease, was first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China in December 2019. COVID-19 has since spread globally to over 70 countries, infecting more than 127,000 people and killing more than 4,700 people. Symptoms of the virus include fever, cough, and shortness of breath. Infected individuals have experienced a range of outcomes from mild sickness to severe illness and death; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that according to the Centers for Disease Control, there is currently no vaccine to prevent COVID-19 and there is no specific antiviral treatment recommended for COVID-19 at this time; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak a Public Health Emergency of International Concern. On January 31, 2020, the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services, Alex M. Azar II, declared a Public Health Emergency to aid the nation in responding to COVID-19. On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, there are confirmed COVID-19 cases in the County of Los Angeles, the County of Orange, and the County of Riverside; and

**WHEREAS**, to combat the spread of COVID-19, the counties of Orange, Los Angeles, Santa Clara, San Diego, Sonoma, and the City and County of San Francisco have each declared local health emergencies and proclaimed local emergencies. Additionally, the cities of Pasadena, Los Angeles, and Long Beach have each declared local health emergencies and proclaimed local emergencies; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency in California as a result of the threat of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 12, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-25-20 regarding COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the facts stated above raise the potential for widespread community transmission of COVID-19 occurring among the general public in the United States and the need for the City of Torrance and the public to work cooperatively and proactively to slow the spread of COVID-19 and address any challenges that may arise due to any outbreak of this disease in the City of Torrance; and

**WHEREAS**, these conditions, if fully manifested, are, or are likely to be, beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the City of Torrance; and

**WHEREAS**, the mobilization of local resources, the ability to coordinate interagency response, accelerate procurement of vital supplies, use mutual aid, and allow for future reimbursement by the state and federal governments will be critical to responding to COVID-19 and therefore, these conditions warrant and necessitate that the City of Torrance proclaim the existence of a local emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 12, 2020, the City Manager acting as the Director of Emergency Services proclaimed the existence of a local emergency in the City of Torrance; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency in response to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to declare a local emergency and to ratify the proclamation of a local emergency by the City Manager, and to authorize the City Manager to enter into any necessary agreements to obtain any emergency assistance to implement necessary intervention activities to prevent a threatened epidemic of disease in the community.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the City Council of the City of Torrance resolves as follows:

Section 1.

The Proclamation attached as Exhibit "A" and incorporated into this Resolution is confirmed and ratified.

Section 2.

Pursuant to Government Code section 8630, Torrance Municipal Code section 16.2.5, the City Charter, the Torrance Municipal Code, and the laws of the State of California, the City Council finds and proclaims the existence of a local emergency caused by conditions or threatened conditions of COVID-19 in Torrance, which, if not corrected, constitutes a threat to the health and safety of persons within the territorial limits of the City of Torrance.

Section 3.

The City Manager is authorized to furnish information, to enter into agreements, and to take all actions necessary to implement preventative measures to protect and preserve the public health of the City from the COVID-19 public health hazard.

Section 4.

The City Manager is authorized to apply for and obtain State and Federal emergency assistance regarding this local emergency related to COVID-19.

Section 5.

It is further proclaimed and ordered that a copy of this proclamation be forwarded to the Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management and to the Director of California's Governor's Office of Emergency Services requesting that the Director find it acceptable with State law; that the Governor of California, pursuant to the Emergency Services Act, issue a proclamation declaring an emergency in the City of Torrance under Los Angeles County; that the Governor waive regulations that may hinder response and recovery efforts; that response and recovery assistance be made available under the California Disaster Assistance Act; and that the State expedite access to State and Federal resources and any other appropriate Federal disaster relief programs.

**INTRODUCED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED** this 16th day of March, 2020.



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Mayor Patrick J. Furey

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ATTEST:



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Patrick Q. Sullivan, City Attorney



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Rebecca Poirier, MMC, City Clerk

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA            )  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES    )        ss  
CITY OF TORRANCE             )

I, Rebecca Poirier, City Clerk of the City of Torrance, California do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly introduced, approved, and adopted by the City Council of the City of Torrance at an emergency meeting of said Council held on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020 by the following roll call vote:

AYES:            COUNCILMEMBERS:       Chen, Goodrich, Griffiths, Herring, Mattucci, Rizzo, and Mayor Furey.  
NOES:           COUNCILMEMBERS:       None.  
ABSTAIN:       COUNCILMEMBERS:       None.  
ABSENT:        COUNCILMEMBERS:       None.

Date: 3/18/2020



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Rebecca Poirier, MMC  
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

**PROCLAMATION OF EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY  
BY THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE**

**WHEREAS**, Section 16.2.4 of the Torrance Municipal Code declares that the City Manager of the City of Torrance is the Director of Emergency Services; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 16.2.5 of the Torrance Municipal Code empowers the City Manager of the City of Torrance as Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence of a local emergency when the City is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity and the City Council is not in session; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Manager finds that Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), a new communicable disease, was first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China in December 2019. COVID-19 has since spread globally to over 70 countries, infecting more than 127,000 people and killing more than 4,700 people. Symptoms of the virus include fever, cough, and shortness of breath. Infected individuals have experienced a range of outcomes from mild sickness to severe illness and death; and

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**WHEREAS**, the City Council is not in session and cannot immediately be called into session; and


**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED** by the City Manager of the City of Torrance that a local emergency exists throughout the City of Torrance, and shall be deemed to continue to exist for a period of 7 days or until the City Council takes action to ratify or terminate the proclamation of local emergency; and

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that during the existence of this local emergency that the powers, functions, and duties of the City of Torrance will be those prescribed by state law, state executive orders, the City Charter, ordinances, and resolutions of the City of Torrance; and

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that a copy of this Proclamation be forwarded to the Governor of California with the request that the Governor proclaim the existence of a State of Emergency throughout the City of Torrance; and

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that a copy of this Proclamation be forwarded to the State Director of the Office of Emergency Services.

Date: 12 March 2020

  
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LeRoy J. Jackson  
City Manager and  
Director of Emergency Services