

RESOLUTION NO. 20-2795

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
ARTESIA, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING AND PROCLAIMING  
EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, A severe acute respiratory illness caused by a novel (new) coronavirus, known as COVID-19, has spread globally and rapidly, resulting in severe illness and death around the world. The World Health Organization has described COVID-19 as a global pandemic.

WHEREAS, On March 4, 2020, California Governor Gavin Newsom declared a State of Emergency in response to the increased spread of COVID-19. Additionally, on March 4, 2020, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the Department of Public Health all declared a local and public health emergency in response to increased spread of COVID-19 across the country and in Los Angeles County. The President of the United States has declared a federal emergency as a result of the spread of the COVID-19.

WHEREAS, On March 11, 2020, Los Angeles County announced the first death related to COVID-19.

WHEREAS, On March 12, 2020, California Governor Gavin Newsom ordered cancellation of gatherings over 250 statewide and further called for canceling or postponing even smaller gatherings where those attending cannot keep six feet apart from each other, and limiting groups of older or unhealthier people more vulnerable to the disease to no more than 10.

WHEREAS, The City activated its Emergency Operations Center on March 13, 2020 and, out of an abundance of caution, the City has cancelled or postponed all non-essential City-hosted and sponsored programs and events until May 9, 2020 to help prevent further spread of coronavirus and protect its vulnerable populations, such as seniors and people with compromised immune systems, from infection.

WHEREAS, Effective Tuesday, March 17, 2020, City facilities were closed and a remote work situation was adopted for all departments with the exception of Maintenance, Code Enforcement, and Parking Enforcement.

WHEREAS, On March 19, 2020, the California Governor Gavin Newsom and Los Angeles County issued "Safer at Home" Order to further limit the types of businesses and locations which are open to the public effective at 11:59 p.m. March 19, 2020 until at least April 19, 2020 to stem or slow the spread of COVID-19 and protect the public.

WHEREAS, Due to the increase of reported cases associated with COVID-19, there is an imminent and proximate threat of introduction of COVID-19 in the City that threatens the safety and health of City residents and warrants a declaration of local emergency.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Artesia hereby proclaim that a local emergency now exists throughout the City. It is further proclaimed and ordered that during the existence of this local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the Director of Emergency Services and the emergency organization of this City shall be those prescribed by State law and by the ordinances and resolutions of this City.

SECTION 3. The local emergency shall be deemed to continue and exist until its termination is proclaimed by the City Council. As required by law, the City Council shall review the need to continue the state of emergency every 60 days until this resolution is terminated.

SECTION 4. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

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ALI SAJJAD TAJ, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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ERNESTO SANCHEZ, CITY CLERK