

RESOLUTION NO. 2020 - 18

RESOLUTION OF THE PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCLAIMING THE EXISTENCE OF AN EMERGENCY RELATED TO THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK

The Board of Supervisors of Pima County, Arizona finds:

1. A.R.S. § 26-311(A) provides that, whenever the chairman of the board of supervisors for the unincorporated portion of a county deems that an emergency exists due to natural or man-made calamity or disaster or by reason of threats or occurrences of riots, routs, affrays or other acts of civil disobedience which endanger life or property within the unincorporated areas of the county, the chairman of the board of supervisors, if authorized by ordinance or resolution, may by proclamation declare an emergency or a local emergency to exist and thereafter govern by proclamation.
2. On January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services declared a Public Health Emergency related to the COVID-19 outbreak.
3. On March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization declared the spread of COVID-19 to constitute a pandemic.
4. On March 11, 2020, the Governor of the State of Arizona, Douglas A. Ducey, declared that a State of Emergency exists in Arizona due to the COVID-19 outbreak.
5. On March 13, 2020, the President of the United States of America, Donald J. Trump, found and proclaimed that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constituted a national emergency.
6. On March 15, 2020, Governor Ducey announced the temporary closure of all schools in Arizona due to COVID-19
7. On March 16, 2020, President Trump and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention issued their "Coronavirus Guidelines for America: 15 Days to Slow the Spread" which includes guidance to avoid social gatherings of more than 10 people; avoid eating or drinking at bars or restaurants; avoid discretionary travel and social visits; and listen to and follow the directions of your state and local authorities; and further advises that in states with evidence of community transmission of COVID-19, bars, restaurants, food courts, gyms, and other indoor and outdoor venues where groups of people congregate should be close.

8. In the last several days, other Arizona jurisdictions, including the City of Tucson, have issued proclamations declaring a local emergency in connection with the COVID-19 outbreak.
9. There is reasonable cause to believe that the spread of COVID-19 can lead to severe respiratory illness, disease complications, and death for Pima County residents, particularly those with underlying medical conditions and the elderly.
10. Health professionals have identified precautions and interventions that can mitigate the spread of COVID-19.
11. As of the date of this Proclamation, the Pima County Health Department has confirmed six (6) COVID-19 cases within Pima County.
12. The Board of Supervisors of Pima County, Arizona, has determined that an emergency or local emergency exists within unincorporated Pima County due to COVID-19.
13. Emergency management measures are required to reduce the severity of the local emergency and mitigate the spread of COVID-19; and to protect the health, safety and welfare of the people and property located in unincorporated Pima County; and to pursue and receive available aid.
14. On March 17, 2020, Governor Ducey and the Arizona Department of Health Services released guidance concerning the actions needed and recommended to reduce and mitigate the spread of COVID-19, which includes the closure of bars, restaurants, gyms, and other places of public gathering.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

SECTION 1. The Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby declares, pursuant to A.R.S. § 26-311, an emergency or local emergency to exist in unincorporated Pima County related to the COVID-19 outbreak and hereby adopts the orders included in the Proclamation accompanying this Resolution.

SECTION 2. The Chairman of the Pima County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized and empowered to govern by proclamation, as authorized by A.R.S. § 26-311, in consultation with the County Administrator and Chief Medical Officer, as provided in the Proclamation accompanying this Resolution, except any additional or future proclamation or change to this Proclamation must be approved at a regular or special meeting of the Board.

SECTION 3. The emergency or local emergency and the orders included in the Proclamation accompanying this Resolution shall remain in effect until the Board, or the Chairman, in consultation with the County Administrator and Chief Medical Officer, issues a proclamation determining that an emergency no longer exists or terminates or modifies the orders included in the Proclamation accompanying this Resolution, whichever occurs first.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 19th day of March, 2020.



Richard Elías
Chairman, Pima County Board of Supervisors

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ATTEST:



Julie Castañeda
Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Andrew L. Flagg
Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney