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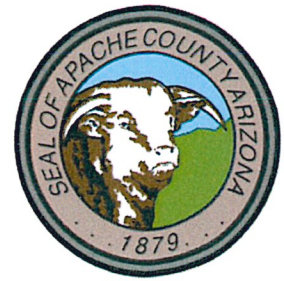
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Declaration of Local Public Health Emergency
Resolution #2020- 09

WHEREAS, A.R.S. 26-311 authorizes the Board of Supervisors of Apache County, Arizona or his/her designee to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when the County of Apache is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity; and

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus, COVID-19 was first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China in December of 2019, and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) considers this virus to be a significant public health threat that has, and continues to spread globally; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020 the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 illness a public health emergency of international concern and on January 31, 2020 the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency due to the COVID-19 illness; and

WHEREAS, the Apache County Health Department Emergency Operations Center was opened in unified command structure in support to COVID-19 response and with this, a Joint Information Center was established for public information coordination related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the County continues to plan and prepare for event and facility closures, modified staffing plans, work-from-home programs and enhanced communications to employees to ensure effective Continuity of Operations of County Government; and

WHEREAS, prudence requires that precautionary measures be taken proactively due to the potential widespread nature of COVID-19 within Apache County, and its threat to public health, safety, and welfare as referenced in the Governor's Declaration of Emergency, and that impacts from the same threaten public health and safety and the economic recovery of Apache County; and

WHEREAS, the widespread nature of COVID-19 constitutes an immediate threat to life, public health, safety and welfare, and to the economic recovery of Apache County; and

WHEREAS, the above facts give credence to the conditions of extreme peril and public health emergency; and the declaration of a county emergency will enable the County of Apache to provide emergency resources, request additional resources and potentially receive mutual aid from other political sub-divisions and entities.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS PROCLAIMED that a local emergency now exists in Apache County.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during this existence of said local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of this County shall be those prescribed by State Law, by Ordinances and Resolutions of Apache County.

Citizens are urged to cooperate with this emergency declaration and to every degree possible, abide by the safety announcements, advisories and restrictions established by the Apache County Health Emergency Operations Department and to cooperate with the community's public safety agencies and emergency services personnel.

County facilities will remain open for the time being, but various programs, events and activities can be suspended as may become necessary. Further details regarding suspended programs, events and activities will be forthcoming.


Closures of County facilities under the direct control of the Board of Supervisors MAY occur as needed in the future and the County will monitor those needs on an ongoing basis.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Apache County, on this 20th day of March 2020.

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Patterson", written over a horizontal line.

Ryan N. Patterson, Clerk of the Board

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, written over a horizontal line.
Alton Joe Shepherd, Chairman