PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF LATHROP DECLARING EXISTENCE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY BY THE CITY MANAGER/DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

WHEREAS, California Government Code 8558 and 8630 empower the City of Lathrop to proclaim the existence of a local emergency when the City is affected or likely to be affected by conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the City’s limits; and

WHEREAS, Lathrop Municipal Code Section 2.32.060, authorizes the City Manager/Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when the City is affected or likely to be affected by conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the City, when the City Council is not in session; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020 the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of a Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) a “public health emergency of international concern”, and on March 11, 2020 referenced the event as a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced on February 25, 2020, that community spread of COVID-19 is likely to occur in the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, March 4, 2020, the Governor of the State of California Proclaimed a State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, as of March 13, 2020, the San Joaquin County Department of Public Health Services reported eight (8) confirmed cases of COVID-19 in San Joaquin County; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lathrop is focused on the health and safety of our residents and staff as the effects of the coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to evolve; AND

WHEREAS, City Manager / Director of Emergency Services enacted the City’s Emergency Response Plan and opened the City’s Emergency Operations Center (EOC) so that all City departments are prepared and positioned to assist with the ongoing and developing threat of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid conditions warrant and necessitate the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency and immediate action is necessary for the protection of persons and property within the city and to mitigate for extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the City of Lathrop caused by this epidemic.
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, PROCLAIMED, AND ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

1. A local emergency, as defined in Lathrop Municipal Code Section 2.32.020, now exists in the City of Lathrop.

2. During the existence of said local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the City Manager/Director of Emergency Services Stephen Salvatore, or his designee shall be those prescribed by State law and the ordinances, resolutions, and approved plans and policies of the City of Lathrop in order to mitigate the effects of the local emergency.

3. City Manager/Director of Emergency Services Stephen Salvatore, or his designee, is hereby designated and authorized, in addition to these duties and responsibilities as the Director of Emergency Services as outlined in Lathrop Municipal Code Chapter 2.32, as the authorized representative for public and individual assistance of the City of Lathrop for the purpose of receipt, processing, and coordination of all inquiries and requirements necessary to obtain available state and federal assistance.

4. All City officers and employees are ordered to take all steps requested by the City Manager to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to prevent or alleviate illness or death due to the virus and to take all steps requested by the City Manager to qualify the City for reimbursement from the State (CalOES) or Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and for other state and federal relief as may be available to reimburse the City for the expenses it incurs in addressing this emergency.

5. This proclamation shall become effective immediately, and the City Council shall take action to ratify the proclamation within seven days thereafter, or the proclamation shall have no further force or effect.

SIGNED this 16th day of March 2020

[Signature]
Stephen J. Salvatore
City Manager / Director of Emergency Services

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Teresa Vargas, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Salvador Navarrete, City Attorney