

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CONEJOS COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO ____ C-08-20_**

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING A DISASTER IN AND FOR CONEJOS
COUNTY, COLORADO**

WHEREAS, the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act, § 24-33.5-701, et seq., provide procedures for statewide and local prevention of, preparation for, response to, and recovery from disasters; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 24-33.5-703(3), a “disaster” is defined to mean “the occurrence or imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from any natural cause or cause of human origin, including but not limited to fire, flood, earthquake, wind, storm, wave action, hazardous substance incident, oil spill or other water contamination requiring emergency action to avert danger or damage, volcanic activity, epidemic/pandemic, air pollution, blight, drought, infestation, explosion, civil disturbance, or hostile military or paramilitary action, or a condition of riot, insurrection, or invasion”; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709, a local disaster may be declared, “only by the principal executive officer of a political subdivision;” and

WHEREAS, pursuant to sections 30-10-307 and 308, C.R.S., as amended, the chairman of the Board of County Commissioners (“BOCC”) is the principal executive officer of Conejos County and, in the absence of the chair, the vice-chair is statutorily authorized to act as the principal executive officer; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 24-33.5-709(1), the declaration of a local disaster “shall not be continued or renewed for a period in excess of seven days except by or with the consent of the governing board of the political subdivision;” and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. 24-33.5-709(1), any order declaring, continuing, or terminating a local disaster “shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk and Recorder;” and

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. 24-33.5-709(2), the effect of declaring a local disaster “is to activate the response and recovery aspects of any and all applicable local and inter-jurisdictional disaster emergency plans and to authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance under such plans;” and,

WHEREAS, by declaring a local disaster, the Conejos County Disaster Policies are in effect; and,

WHEREAS, because of the Covid-19 pandemic, which occurred or began to occur on March 5, 2020, Conejos County and/or jurisdictions within its boundaries, is suffering, or has suffered, or will suffer a disaster as defined under C.R.S. § 24-33.5-703(3); and,

WHEREAS, the cost and magnitude of responding to and recovering from the impact of this disaster exceeds Conejos County's available resources.

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AND ORDERED, by the chair or vice-chair of the Board of County Commissioners, County of Conejos, State of Colorado, that a disaster emergency is declared in and for the County of Conejos, Colorado, beginning on March 16, 2020 and ending April 16, 2020, unless further extended by consent of the Board of County Commissioners.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CONEJOS COUNTY, COLORADO**

Chair/Vice-Chair: Carlos Garcia

Date: March 16, 2020

Attest CLERK AND RECORDER

Deputy Clerk: _____

Date: _____