

**ORDER DECLARING A LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY IN AND FOR
THE TOWN OF KEENESBURG**

WHEREAS, the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act, C.R.S. § 24-33.5-701, *et seq.* (the "Act"), provides procedures for statewide and local prevention of, preparation for, response to, and recovery from disasters and emergencies; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act, an "emergency" is an unexpected event that places life or property in danger and requires an immediate response through the use of state and community resources and procedures, and an "emergency epidemic" is cases of an illness or condition, communicable or noncommunicable, caused by bioterrorism, pandemic influenza, or novel and highly fatal infectious agents or biological toxins; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709, a local disaster emergency may be declared unilaterally by the principal executive officer of a political subdivision, here the Mayor;

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709, the declaration activates the response and recovery aspects of any applicable disaster emergency plans and authorizes the furnishing of aid and assistance under such plans; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709(1) the declaration of a local emergency shall not be continued beyond a period of 7 days or renewed except by action of the Board of Trustees; 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 town clerk and with the office of emergency management; and

WHEREAS, the Novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic is causing widespread human and economic impacts to the State of Colorado and Town of Keenesburg; and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the Governor of the State of Colorado issued a Declaration of Statewide Emergency in response to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, because of the COVID-19 Pandemic, which was recognized by the Governor of the State of Colorado on March 10, 2020, the Town is suffering and has suffered a disaster emergency as defined in the Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a disaster emergency is declared in and for the Town of Keenesburg, Colorado, effective upon the date and time given below, and shall remain in effect for a period of seven (7) days unless rescinded or extended by the Board of Trustees prior to expiration.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order shall be given prompt and general publicity, filed immediately with the Town Clerk, and a copy of it shall be sent to the Colorado Office of Emergency Management.

SIGNED and made immediately effective this 16th day of March, 2020 at ____ am/pm.

Kenneth Gfeller, Mayor