

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-14

A RESOLUTION CONTINUING A DECLARATION OF 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.* 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, by Resolution No. 2009-02 the Board of Trustees of the Town of Keenesburg enacted certain provisions applicable to community emergencies and disasters and addressed catastrophe preparedness, all as outlined in an Emergency Operations Plan, and enacted an order of succession for the roles of the Town Emergency Manager; and

WHEREAS, the Novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic is causing widespread human and economic impacts to the 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, on March 16, 2020, the Mayor of the Town of Keenesburg, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709, executed an Order Declaring of Local Disaster Emergency in and for the Town of Keenesburg (the “Mayor’s Declaration”); and

WHEREAS, C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709(1) provides the Mayor’s Declaration shall not be continued or renewed for a period in excess of seven (7) days unless the Town Board of Trustees approves a longer duration; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds the cost and magnitude of responding to and recovery from the impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic may be far in excess of the Town’s available resources, and continuation of the Mayor’s Declaration will continue to assist and permit access to local emergency funds, Federal and State assistance, and authorize adjustments to policies, procedures, and ordinances to ensure the public’s health and welfare; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate and in the interests of the public health and safety of the Town and its residents to rapidly address community spread of COVID-19 and subsequent cascading impacts, such as economic distress, and to further protect the health and safety of the

public by declaring an emergency in the Town of Keenesburg by the Board continuing the Mayor's Declaration as set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF KEENESBURG, COLORADO:

Section 1. The Town Board of Trustees hereby finds and declares there to be a local disaster emergency in the Town of Keenesburg, to wit, the occurrence of imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury or loss of life or property, resulting from the COVID-19 Pandemic requiring emergency action to avert danger or damage, and that the Order Declaring a Local Disaster Emergency in and for the Town of Keenesburg executed by the Mayor of the Town of Keenesburg on March 16, 2020 shall be continued in effect until terminated by resolution of the Board of Trustees.

Section 2. The effect of this Resolution shall be to continue in effect the activation of the response and recovery aspects of any and all applicable local and inter-jurisdictional disaster emergency plans and to further authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance under such plans, and for the Mayor, Town Manager, and other appropriate Town staff to exercise those functions and be vested with such authority as set forth in C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709 and other applicable local, state, and federal laws.

Section 3. The Town Manager shall forthwith:

A. Publish and disseminate information to the public regarding this Resolution and the continuation of the Order Declaring a Local Disaster Emergency in and for the Town of Keenesburg authorized hereby, including but not limited to on the Town's website;

B. File a copy of this Resolution with the Town Clerk;

C. File a copy of this Resolution with the Colorado Division of Emergency Management; and

D. Distribute a copy of this Resolution to the appropriate representatives of the news media.

Section 4. The order of succession set forth in Section 4 of Resolution No. 2009-02 is hereby revised to read as follows:

Town Manager
Director of Public Works
Mayor
Town Clerk

Treasurer
Receptionist
Board of Trustees (in order of response)

Section 5. The “Incident Command” referenced in Section 7 of Resolution No. 2009-02 shall be the Southeast Weld Fire Protection District as first responders or the Weld County Office of Emergency Manager, as may be determined by the Town Manger, with Town staff to act as support for any emergency.

INTRODUCED, READ, and ADOPTED this 16th day of March, 2020.

TOWN OF KEENESBURG, COLORADO

Kenneth Gfeller, Mayor

ATTEST:

Christina Fernandez, Town Clerk