

**Disaster Declaration  
Black Forest Fire/Rescue Protection District**

**WHEREAS**, the Black Forest Fire/Rescue Protection District ("District") is a quasi-municipal corporation and political subdivision of the state of Colorado and;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709(1) "A local disaster may be declared by the principal executive officer of a political subdivision for up to seven days, and then must have consent by the Board of Directors; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the Coronavirus, a/k/a COVID-19, constitutes a public health emergency of International concern and has been determined to be present in El Paso County and can be anticipated to spread significantly, requiring emergency preparation and execution of procedures to minimize its impact and protect the health safety and welfare of District Constituents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors of the District has determined that pursuant to the above a Local Disaster Emergency should be declared and funds made available to prepare for and deal with its consequences.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Black Forest Fire/Rescue Protection District that the presence of the Coronavirus within El Paso County constitutes a local disaster emergency that warrants preparation for and execution of procedures to deal with the emergency, including purchase of additional PPE and protective policies and procedures to restrict exposure of District emergency first responders and staff to the spread of COVID-19. The Fire Chief has allocated sufficient funding from District reserves toward preparation and execution of a response plan. This emergency declaration shall end on May 31, 2020, or as otherwise modified by a vote of the Board of Directors.

**APPROVED** this 24th day of March, 2020.

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Richard Nearhoof, Chairman of the Board of Directors

Black Forest Fire/Rescue Protection District

Attest:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary of the Board of Directors

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