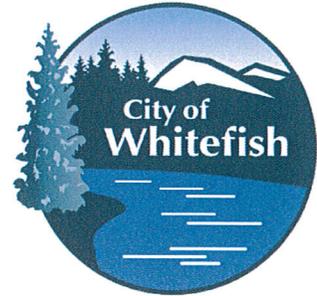


Office of the Mayor



**Order Declaring a State of Local Emergency and Disaster**

**WHEREAS**, numerous cases of a new strain of coronavirus named “COVID-19” have been identified in a growing number of international locations and throughout the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared a global pandemic due to the spread of COVID-19 but emphasized that containment is still possible; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 12, 2020, Governor Steve Bullock declared a state of emergency related to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump declared a state of national emergency related to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 18, 2020, the Flathead Board of County Commissioners passed Resolution No. 2508, declaring a state of emergency related to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, as of March 19, 2020, there have been 12 reported cases of COVID-19 in Montana; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Whitefish faces an imminent threat to life and public health resulting from COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, § 10-3-402, MCA, authorizes the principal executive officer of a municipality to declare a state of local emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, § 10-3-403, MCA, authorizes the principal executive officer of a municipality to declare a local disaster; and

**WHEREAS**, while the City of Whitefish will commit all available resources and take all possible action to combat and prevent the spread of COVID-19, local resources may not be adequate; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interests of the City of Whitefish and its inhabitants to declare a state of local emergency and disaster related to COVID-19.

**NOW, THEREFORE, AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WHITEFISH, I HEREBY DECLARE:**

Section 1: A state of local emergency and disaster pursuant to § 10-3-402 and § 10-3-403, MCA.

Section 2: This Order Declaring a State of Local Emergency and Disaster shall activate the response and recovery aspects of any and all local disaster and emergency plans.

Section 3: The City Manager has the authority pursuant to § 10-3-406, MCA, to control ingress and egress to all or part of the City of Whitefish.

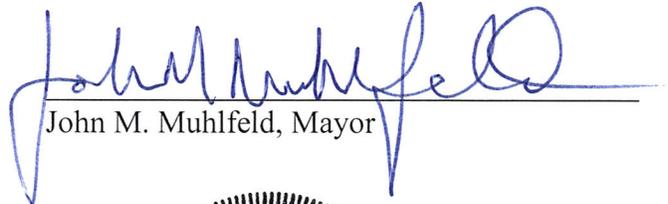
Section 4: The authority of the City Manager pursuant to § 3.03 of the Whitefish City Charter to administer all affairs of the City of Whitefish, including but not limited to, requiring employees to work from home is reaffirmed.

Section 5: This Order Declaring a State of Local Emergency and Disaster shall continue until I determine an emergency and disaster no longer exists.

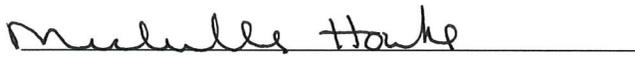
Section 6: Copies of this Order Declaring a State of Local Emergency and Disaster shall be filed with the Flathead County Clerk and Recorder, the Whitefish City Clerk, and the Montana Disaster and Emergency Services Division.

Section 7: The public shall be notified of this Order Declaring a State of Local Emergency and Disaster as soon as reasonably feasible through general dissemination to the news media, posting at City Hall, the City's website, social media, and/or using other means of communication appropriate for informing the general public.

ORDERED THIS 19<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2020.

  
John M. Muhlfield, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Michelle Howke, City Clerk

