

RESOLUTION NO. 2020 – 14R

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF SELMA
PROCLAIMING EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the California Emergency Services Act (Government Code section 8630, et. seq.) establishes procedures for proclaiming emergencies and for responding promptly to the needs that arise during emergencies; and,

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 685 of the City of Selma empowers the City Council to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when said city is affected by a public calamity; and

WHEREAS, said City Council has been requested by the Director of Emergency Services of said city to proclaim the existence of a local emergency therein; and

WHEREAS, the United States has confirmed cases of individuals who have a severe acute respiratory illness caused by a novel (new) coronavirus (“COVID-19” or “the virus”) first detected in Wuhan, Hubei Province, People’s Republic of China in December of 2019; and,

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) officials now report that sustained human-to-human transmission of the virus is occurring and transmission from an asymptomatic individual has been documented. Although most individuals infected with COVID-19 recover from the disease without special treatment, some may become seriously ill, particularly those with compromised immune systems or underlying health issues; and,

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, WHO declared the COVID-19 outbreak a public health emergency of international concern, and on January 31, 2020 the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services declared a Public Health Emergency for the United States; and,

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) has determined that the virus presents a serious public health threat, requiring coordination among state and local health departments to ensure readiness for potential health threats associated with the virus; and,

WHEREAS, the CDC has issued guidance to local and State health departments, including Fresno County's Department of Public Health (FCDPH), concerning risk assessment and public health management of persons with potential exposure to COVID-19. These guidelines require FCDPH to make extraordinary efforts to monitor ongoing communicable disease threats and prepare for management of individuals who may have been exposed to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, FCDPH, the Office of Emergency Medical Services (EMS), and other County and City partners have been working successfully and diligently to implement CDC guidelines, but now require additional tools and resources to protect the public health given the current state of the epidemic and the need for a sustained response; and

WHEREAS, the Fresno County Director of Public Health has determined that FCDPH cannot comply with the CDC's guidelines without immediate action beyond the County's ordinary response capabilities, including directing personnel and resources from other County departments and local city entities to assist with the ongoing and developing threat of COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, the aforesaid conditions warrant and necessitate the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency and immediate action is necessary to mitigate potential public calamity, and,

WHEREAS, said City Council does hereby find:

That conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within said city, caused by COVID-19; and

That aforesaid conditions of extreme peril warrant and necessitate the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that a local emergency now exists throughout said city; and

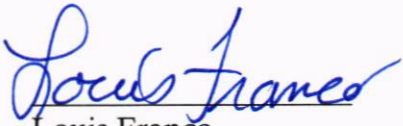
IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the Director of Emergency Services and the emergency organization of this city shall be those prescribed by the California Emergency Services Act (Government Code section 8630, et. seq.) and by ordinances and resolutions of this city approved by the City Council on August 2, 1971.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that said local emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is proclaimed by the City Council of the City of Selma, State of California.

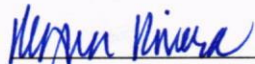
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Selma at a regular meeting thereof held on the 16th day of March, 2020, by the following vote to wit:

AYES: 5 COUNCIL MEMBERS: ROBERTSON, ~~BAVALOS~~, TRUJILLO, GUERRA, FRANCO
NOES: 0 COUNCIL MEMBERS: NONE
ABSTAIN: 0 COUNCIL MEMBERS: NONE
ABSENT: 0 COUNCIL MEMBERS: NONE


Louis Franco
Mayor of the City of Selma

Attest:


Reyna Rivera
City Clerk