

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NOVATO**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-012**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE NOVATO, COUNTY OF MARIN,  
RATIFYING AND MODIFYING THE CITY MANAGER/DIRECTOR OF  
EMERGENCY SERVICES' PROCLAMATION OF THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL  
EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, Section 7.13.7 of the Novato Municipal Code empowers the City Manager/Director of Emergency Services of the City of Novato to proclaim the existence of a local emergency if the City Council is not in session, and requires that the City Council shall take action to ratify the proclamation within seven days thereafter; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council hereby finds that conditions of disaster or extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within the City of Novato as a result of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), an infectious disease that causes respiratory illness, first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China in December 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a widespread, ongoing global outbreak of respiratory illness (COVID-19) that can be spread from person-to-person, and on February 26, 2020, community transmission was confirmed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in the Bay Area; and

**WHEREAS**, these conditions are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the City of Novato; and that the aforesaid conditions of peril to the safety of persons and property warrant and necessitate the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council hereby finds that the above-described conditions of extreme peril did warrant and necessitate the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency in the City of Novato; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Manager acting as the Director of Emergency Services did proclaim the existence of a local emergency within the City on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of March at 5 p.m.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City Novato that the Proclamation of a Local Emergency, as issued by the City Manager/Director of Emergency Services, is hereby ratified and confirmed; and

**IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED** that during the existence of this 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 state law, by ordinances and resolutions of this City, and by the City of Novato Emergency Operations Plan in order to mitigate the effects of this emergency; and

**IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED** that all City officials and employees cooperate and coordinate efforts with officials and employees of other political subdivisions and officials and employees of the state and federal government in bringing the present condition of local emergency under control; and

**IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED** that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Governor of California with the request that he proclaim the existence of a State of Emergency throughout the City of Novato and/or to the Director of the State Office of Emergency Services with a request for State aid to the City of Novato; and

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Manager/Director of Emergency Services is hereby designated as the authorized representative of the City of Novato for the purpose of receipt, processing, and coordination of all inquiries and requirements necessary to obtain available state and federal assistance; and

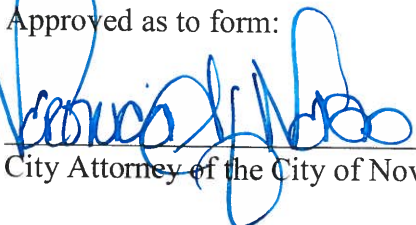
**IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED** that this local emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is declared by the City Council of the City of Novato.

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**I HEREBY CERTIFY** that the foregoing resolution was duly and regularly adopted by the City Council of the City of Novato, Marin County, California, at a meeting thereof, held on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Councilmembers Eklund, Lucan, Peele, Wernick, Athas  
NOES: Councilmembers  
ABSTAIN: Councilmembers  
ABSENT: Councilmembers

  
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City Clerk for the City of Novato

Approved as to form:  
  
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City Attorney of the City of Novato