RESOLUTION NO. 2020-03-24

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF POTLATCH, IDAHO, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE AND EXTENSION OF THE MAYOR'S PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY ORDER MADE EFFECTIVE MARCH 24, 2020; AND PROVIDING THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BE IN EFFECT UPON ITS PASSAGE AND APPROVAL.

WHEREAS, the health and safety of all citizens of the City of Potlatch is the greatest priority and is of the upmost importance of the Mayor and City Council; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Potlatch City Code, Title 1, Chapter 8 and the authority pursuant to Idaho Code, in order to effectively preserve the health and safety of the public, the Mayor is granted the emergency powers to issue public health emergency orders; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States issued an emergency declaration for the country in response to the increasing number of COVID-19 cases within the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, Public Health-Idaho North Central District and Idaho Department of Health and Welfare issued an Update Guidance for Mass Gatherings and Public Events, recommending the President's Coronavirus Guidelines for America be implemented for the next 15 days through March 31 to slow the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, The President's Coronavirus Guidelines for America recommends:

1. Work or engage in schooling from home whenever possible.
2. Avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10 people.
3. Avoid eating or drinking at bars, restaurants, and food courts; use drive-thru, pickup or deliver options.
4. Avoid discretionary travel, shopping trips, and social visits.
5. Do not visit nursing homes or retirement or long-term care facilities unless to provide critical assistance; and

WHEREAS, both the CDC, the federal government, and our local public health district have recommended practices to prevent the rapid spread of COVID-19, including social distancing, and on March 18, 2020, Governor Brad Little adopted these recommendations for the state of Idaho. The recommendations include that individuals practice social distancing by not gathering in groups of more than ten (10) people and that they avoid eating at bars, restaurants and

food courts. The recommendations further include that individuals use drive-up, take-out and delivery options for meals. The policies, along with other information, are available onthe CDC's official COVID-19 website. (https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html). Additionally, as of March 23, 2020 there are forty-seven (47) cases of COVID-19 within Idaho; and

WHEREAS, due to Idaho being a diverse and expansive state, Governor Brad Little is not mandating categorical closures at this time. Governor Little is trusting the local leaders to make the decisions regarding mandates appropriate for their community; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2020, pursuant to the authority granted under Idaho Code § 46-1011, David L. Brown, Mayor of the City of Potlatch, Idaho, proclaimed and declared local disaster emergency in the City of Potlatch, Latah County, Idaho due to the COVID- 19 pandemic and authorized the furnishing of aid and assistance thereunder; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2020, the Council of the City of Potlatch signed Resolution 2020-03-24, Authorizing Continuation of the Local Emergency Proclamation until May 5, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2020, David L. Brown, Mayor of the City of Potlatch, Idaho proclaimed and declared Public Health Emergency Order No. 20-01; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary by the Council of the City of Potlatch to extend such Public Health Emergency Order No. 20-01 to provide for the ongoing threat to public life and property and the Council wishes to continue to be proactive and help reduce the spread of COVID-19 and to encourage our community members and community businesses to do their part to prevent and limit the spreading of COVID- 19;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Potlatch as follows:

The Public Health Emergency Order 20-01, ordering limitations on mass gatherings, restaurants and bars within the City of Potlatch, Latah County, Idaho, signed into effect on March 24, 2020, by Mayor David L. Brown, attached as Exhibit A, shall be continued and remain in effect until May 5, 2020.

That this Resolution shall become effective as of the 24 of March, 2020.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Potlatch, Idaho, this 24 day of March, 2020.

David L Brown

Mayor, David L. Brown

Attest:

Judi Davis

Judi Davis
Clerk./Treasurer

Exhibit A

(Insert Signed Emergency Declaration/Proclamation)

THE CITY OF POTLATCH

LOCAL EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, COVID-19, is a respiratory disease caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which is a new strain of coronavirus that had not been previously identified in humans and can easily spread from person to person, which can result in serious illness or death thereby threatening widespread and/or severe damage to life or property thereby creating an "emergency" as defined by Idaho Code § 46-1002; and

WHEREAS, the CDC identifies the potential public health threat posed by COVID-19 both globally and in the United State as "high", and has advised that person-to-person spread of COVID-19 will continue to occur globally, including within the United States; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the International Health Regulations Emergency Committee of the World Health Organization declared the outbreak a "public health emergency of international concern"; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, Health and Human Services Secretary Alex M. Azar II declared a public health emergency for the United States to aid the nation's healthcare community in responding to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, Washington Governor Jay Inslee proclaimed a State of Emergency exists in all counties in the State of Washington; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, The World Health Organization (WHO) made the assessment that COVID-19 can be characterized as a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the City of Pullman Mayor, Glenn Johnson, declared a State of Emergency for the City of Pullman. The emergency declaration facilitates potential future assistance related to COVID-19 and is a means to ensure all necessary resources will be available if needed; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Idaho Governor Brad Little declared a state of emergency due to COVID-19. State officials say more than 100 people have been tested for COVID-19 in Idaho, but no one has been positive for COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States issued an emergency declaration for the country in response to the increasing number of COVID-19 cases within the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare and the Idaho North Central Health District issued recommendations for mass gatherings and public events in order to contain and slow the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, as of March 24, 2020, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare has reported that approximately 50 people have tested positive for COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, a local disaster emergency may be declared by the Mayor within a political subdivision, pursuant to Idaho Code § 46-1011 and other relevant sections of Idaho Code; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Idaho Code, the effect of such declaration is to activate the recovery aspects of any and all applicable local or intergovernmental disaster emergency plans and to authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance thereunder; and

WHEREAS, the City may pass all ordinances and make all regulations necessary to preserve the public health; prevent the introduction of contagious diseases into the city; make quarantine laws for that purpose and enforce the same within five (5) miles of the City, pursuant to Idaho Code § 50-304; and

WHEREAS, the City of Potlatch desires to take action in order to be proactive and help reduce the spread of this virus and encourages our community members and community businesses to do their part to prevent and limit the spreading of this virus;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, David L. Brown, Mayor of the City of Potlatch, Idaho, do hereby proclaim and declare a local disaster emergency in the City of Potlatch, Latah County, Idaho. All City departments are directed to utilize City resources as follows:

1. To do everything reasonably possible to assist affected individuals and entities in an effort to respond to and recover from the outbreak.

2. To follow the recommendation of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare and that of Public Health-Idaho North Central District by postponing or canceling all City sponsored events meeting the following criteria:

    a. The event will draw audiences or participants from communities, states, or countries with confirmed community spread of COVID-l9 disease.

    b. The event will be held indoors and bring together more than 250 individuals where social distancing of 6 feet or more is unlikely or not possible.

    c. The event's primary audience includes or may expose high-risk populations, including adults over the age of 60 years and people with underlying chronic medical conditions like heart or lung disease or diabetes, regardless of the number of attendees.

3. To take immediate action and other reasonably necessary steps to prevent and limit the spreading of COVID-19. The City of Potlatch recommends the Public follow the same recommendations of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare and that of Public Health-Idaho North Central District by postponing or cancelling mass gatherings and public events that meet the criteria noted above. This declaration shall

remain in effect for a period of seven (7) days, unless extended pursuant to authorization of the Potlatch City Council in accordance with Idaho Code § 46-l1011(1).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand on this 24 day of March 2020.

One of Idaho's Many Historic Company Towns
City of Potlatch, Idaho

David L. Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:

Judi Davis, City Clerk