



# PROCLAMATION

P 2020-02

## OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SOUTH SALT LAKE, UTAH, DECLARING A LOCAL EMERGENCY

**Whereas**, on March 6, 2020, Utah Governor Gary R. Herbert issued an Executive Order declaring a state of emergency in Utah due to the global outbreak of the novel coronavirus COVID-19; and

**Whereas**, on March 13, 2020, President Donald J. Trump issued a Proclamation declaring COVID-19 a national emergency for the entire United States of America; and

**Whereas**, President Trump, in a letter to the director of FEMA and the secretaries of the Department of Homeland Security, Department of the Treasury, and the Department of Health and Human Services, encourages state and local authorities to activate their Emergency Operations Centers and to review their emergency preparedness plans; and

**Whereas**, on the morning of March 18, 2020, a 5.7 magnitude earthquake with an epicenter location less than 15 miles from the City of South Salt Lake, occurred causing known minor damage, the extent to which is not completely known at this time; and

**Whereas**, Utah Code Ann. § 53-2a-203 defines "Local emergency" as "a condition in any municipality or county of the state which requires that emergency assistance be provided by the affected municipality or county or another political subdivision to save lives and protect property within its jurisdiction in response to a disaster, or to avoid or reduce the threat of a disaster" and defines "political subdivision" as a "municipality, county, special service district, or local district;" and

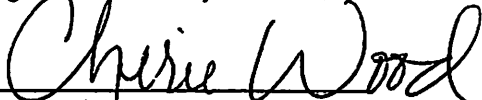
**Whereas**, Utah Code Ann. § 53-2a-208 gives the Mayor as chief executive officer of The City of South Salt Lake the authority to declare a local emergency by proclamation; and

**Whereas**, South Salt Lake City Code 2.04.040 authorizes the Mayor to declare a local disaster, in consultation with readily available city councilmembers, upon finding a disaster has occurred or is imminent; and


**Whereas**, the Mayor finds that a disaster has occurred and has consulted with available city councilmembers.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED** by the Mayor of the City of South Salt Lake, Utah that a local emergency exists in the City of South Salt Lake due to COVID-19 pandemic and the March 18, 2020 earthquake. This declaration of a local emergency: 1) constitutes an official recognition that a disaster situation exists within the City; 2) provides a legal basis for requesting and obtaining mutual aid or disaster assistance from other political subdivisions or from the state or federal government; 3) activates the response and recovery aspects of any and all applicable local disaster emergency plans; 4) tolls all land use applications and permit applications; 5) authorizes the furnishing of aid and assistance in relation to this Proclamation. This Proclamation shall take effect immediately and shall not be continued or renewed for a period in excess of 30 days except by or with the consent of the governing body of the City of South Salt Lake. This proclamation shall be filed with the City Recorder as soon as practicable.

Signed this 18th day of March, 2020:

  
Cherie Wood, Mayor

Attest:

  
Craig Burton, City Recorder

STATE OF UTAH  
COUNTY OF SALT LAKE  
CITY OF SOUTH SALT LAKE

