

Town of Fredonia

TOWN OF FREDONIA

EMERGENCY PROCLMATION

DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

MAYOR KIMLEY PURVIS

WHEREAS, A.R.S. §26-311 authorizes Kimley Purvis, the Mayor of the Town of Fredonia, Arizona or her designee to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when the Town of Fredonia is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity; and

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, was first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China in December 2019, and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) considers this virus to be a significant public health threat that has, and continues to spread globally; and

WHEREAS, on January 29, 2020 the Coconino County COVID-19 Incident Command Team developed a Command and General Staff structure for the monitoring and preparedness measures surrounding COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 illness a public health emergency of international concern, and on January 31, 2020, the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency due to the COVID-19 illness; and

WHEREAS, on February 26, 2020, the COVID-19 Incident Command Team expanded as resource needs increased in reference to COVID-19, to include enhanced communications to the public through press releases, public meetings, cooperator meetings and development of an informational website; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Coconino County Health Emergency Operations Center was opened in reference to COVID-19 and the Joint Information Center was established for public information coordination related to COVID-19; and

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WHEREAS, the Town continues to plan and prepare for event and facility closures, modified staffing plans, work-from-home programs, and enhanced communications to employees to ensure effective continuity of operations of Town government through the activation of Town continuity of operations plans; and

WHEREAS, prudence requires that precautionary measures be taken proactively due to the widespread nature of COVID-19 and its threat to public health, safety, and welfare as referenced in the Arizona Governor's Declaration of Emergency and various Executive Orders regarding COVID-19, and that impacts from the same threaten public health and safety and the economic recovery of Fredonia; and

WHEREAS, the widespread nature of COVID-19 constitutes an immediate threat to life, public health, safety, and welfare, and to the economic recovery of Fredonia; and

WHEREAS, this local declaration of emergency will help ensure the economic recovery of Fredonia; and

WHEREAS, the immediate threat of COVID-19 is widespread across the State and neighboring areas across state lines, and precautionary measures are necessary to curtail the imminent impact on numerous homes and businesses in Fredonia because it is a threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the general public in Fredonia; and

WHEREAS, the above facts give credence to the conditions of extreme peril and public health emergency; and the declaration of a local emergency will enable the Town of Fredonia to provide emergency resources, request additional resources and receive mutual aid from other political sub-divisions and entities.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that a local emergency now exists in the Town of Fredonia, and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of this Town shall be those prescribed by State Law, by Ordinances, and Resolutions of Town of Fredonia. Citizens are urged to cooperate with this emergency declaration and, to every degree possible, abide by the safety announcements, advisories, and restrictions established by the Coconino County Health Emergency Operations Center and to cooperate with the community's public safety agencies and emergency services personnel.

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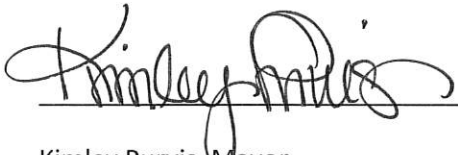
Town facilities and programs shall follow the Emergency Declaration and subsequent Executive Orders issued by the Governor of Arizona, as issued and revised from time to time. Anyone who knowingly fails or refuses to obey the orders in this Declaration, including the Emergency Declaration and subsequent Executive Orders issued by the Governor of Arizona, shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor as authorized by A.R.S. §26-317.

Closures of Town facilities may occur as needed in the future and the Town will monitor those needs on an ongoing basis.

PURSUANT TO A.R.S. §38-431.02, as amended, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the general public that during the declared State of Emergency a possible quorum of the Fredonia Town Council may be in attendance during the periodic Coconino County Health Emergency Operations Center and incident debriefs, however, no formal discussion/action will be taken by members in their role as the Fredonia Town Council.

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Dated this 31 day of March, 2020.



Kimley Purvis, Mayor

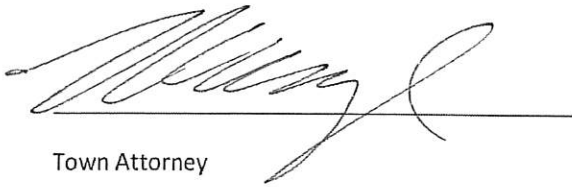
Attest:



Shannon Lathim, Town Clerk

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Approved at to form and found to be within the powers granted to the Mayor of the Town of Fredonia.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mangum', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Town Attorney

MANGUM, WALL, STOOPS & WARDEN, P.L.L.C.

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