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Resolution of the City Council of the City of South San Francisco proclaiming a local State of Emergency related to the Novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19).

WHEREAS, Section 8630, Article 14, of the California Emergency Services Act empowers the City Council to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when the City of South San Francisco is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 2.72 of the South San Francisco Municipal Code similarly empowers the City Manager, in their capacity as the Director of Emergency Services, to proclaim or request the City Council to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that present conditions warrant such proclamation of the existence of a local emergency and has been similarly requested by the Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence of a local emergency; and

WHEREAS, the City Council does hereby find that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within South San Francisco, caused by a novel coronavirus (named "COVID-19" by the World Health Organization); and

WHEREAS, the finding is supported by the following facts, which are described in further detail in the accompanying staff report:

- a. A novel coronavirus (named "COVID-19" by the World Health Organization) was first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China, in December 2019. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") has stated that COVID-19 is a serious public health threat, based on current information.
- b. Cases of COVID-19 have been diagnosed in the United States, primarily in individuals who have traveled to other countries, but there have been cases identified of "community spread" of COVID-19 involving individuals who have not traveled overseas and who have no known connections to overseas travel.

- c. In part, the virus is considered a very serious health threat because much is unknown. The exact modes of transmission, the factors facilitating human-to-human transmission, the extent of asymptomatic viral shedding, the groups most at risk of serious illness, the attack rate, and the case fatality rate all remain active areas of investigation.
- d. The number of reported cases of COVID-19 has escalated dramatically over a short period of time. According to the CDC, as of March 2, 2020, there have been 43 cases of COVID-19 detected, tested and confirmed in the United States (not including 48 individuals who returned to the United States from overseas on State Department-chartered flights). The World Health Organization has declared the outbreak to be a global health emergency.
- e. Cases of COVID-19 have been identified in San Mateo County, as well as in other Bay Area counties and other counties, including the County of Santa Clara, the County of Solano, and the City and County of San Francisco, and these public entities have made declarations of local emergency and declarations of local health emergency.

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of South San Francisco hereby proclaims that a local emergency now exists throughout the City of South San Francisco, commencing on March 11, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the City Manager, in their capacity as Director of Emergency Services, and the emergency organization of this City shall be those prescribed by state law and by the South San Francisco Municipal Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED 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 South San Francisco.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City staff is directed to place an item on the agenda for review at least ever sixty (60) days from the effective date of this Resolution to determine the need for continuing the local emergency pursuant to section 8630, Article 14, of the California Emergency Services Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

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