

**DECLARATION OF A LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY
SUMMIT FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES AUTHORITY
SUMMIT COUNTY, COLORADO**

WHEREAS, the Summit Fire and Emergency Medical Services Authority ("**Authority**") is a public entity and political subdivision of the County of Summit, State of Colorado, established on October 10, 2017 pursuant to an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Lake Dillon Fire Protection District and the Copper Mountain Consolidated Metropolitan District for the purpose of providing fire suppression, fire prevention and public education, rescue, extrication, hazardous materials, ambulance, and emergency medical services within their joint jurisdiction and service area;

WHEREAS, C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709 authorizes the principal executive officer of a political subdivision to declare a local disaster, which local disaster declaration shall not continue or be renewed for a period in excess of seven days, except with the consent of the governing board of the political subdivision;

WHEREAS, the effect of any such local disaster declaration is to activate the response and recovery aspects of any and all applicable local and interjurisdictional disaster emergency plans and to authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance under such plans;

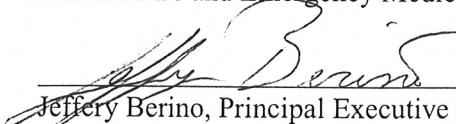
WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus known as COVID-19 is highly infectious and can cause severe and potentially fatal respiratory symptoms in infected individuals. The spread of COVID-19 has been declared a pandemic, and its presence 19 has been detected in the State of Colorado, and residents and visitors within the Authority's jurisdiction are at risk of contracting COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the risks posed by this threat require the Authority to prepare its emergency response personnel and services as necessary to respond to the potentially rapid and severe spread of COVID-19 within its jurisdiction, the County of Summit, and the State of Colorado, and to coordinate its response with other State and local emergency response agencies and other governmental entities, in order to mitigate the effects of COVID-19 and to recover from this local disaster emergency; and

WHEREAS, the financial, administrative, and operational resources necessary to respond to the COVID-19 local disaster emergency impose a significant and potentially detrimental burden on the Authority's capabilities.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jeffrey Berino, the principal executive officer of the Authority, hereby declare a local disaster emergency within the jurisdiction and boundaries of the Summit Fire and Emergency Medical Services Authority, in the County of Summit, State of Colorado due to the imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property from the presence and spread of COVID-19.

This declaration of local disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed with (1) the Clerk and Recorder of Summit County; (2) the Colorado Department of Local Affairs, Division of Local Government; and (3) the Office of Emergency Management. This declaration shall expire if not continued or renewed by the Summit Fire and Emergency Medical Services Authority Board of Directors within a period of seven days.

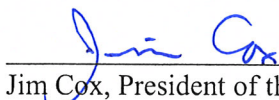


Jeffrey Berino, Principal Executive Officer

March 13, 2020

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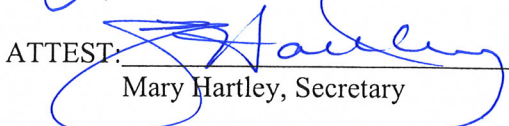
THIS DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER IS HEREBY CONTINUED AND RENEWED BY THE SUMMIT FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT A PUBLIC MEETING HELD ON MARCH 17, 2020.



Jim Cox, President of the Board of Directors

3/17/2020

Date

ATTEST: 

Mary Hartley, Secretary