ORDER TERMINATING A DECLARATION OF A DISASTER IN AND FOR ADAMS COUNTY, COLORADO

WHEREAS, the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act, Colorado Revised Statutes (C.R.S.) § 24-33.5-701, *et seq.*, provides procedures for statewide and local prevention of, preparation for, response to, and recovery from disasters; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709, a local disaster may be declared "only by the principal executive officer of a political subdivision;" and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to §§ 30-10-307 and 308, C.R.S., as amended, the chair of the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) is the principal executive officer of Adams County and, in the absence of the chair, the vice-chair is statutorily authorized to act as the principal executive officer; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709(1), any order declaring, continuing, or terminating a local disaster "shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the county clerk and recorder;" and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Adams County Disaster Policies, the County Manager may continue or renew the declared disaster for a period in excess of seven days upon submission of the request and the approval of the BoCC. (C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709); and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709(2), the effect of declaring a local disaster "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"; and by declaring a local disaster, the Adams County Disaster Policies are in effect; and,

WHEREAS, because of the coronavirus (COVID19) pandemic which occurred or began to occur on March 5, 2020, the Chair of the Adams County BoCC declared a disaster in Adams County, Colorado beginning March 11, 2020 and ending March 18, 2020, unless further extended by the consent of the BoCC; and,

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020 the Governor of the State of Colorado declared that Colorado was in a state of emergency over the coronavirus and the President of the United States declared a national emergency concerning the coronavirus; and,

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, March 25, 2020, April 15, 2020, and May 6, 2020 the Adams County Manager, with the consent of the BoCC, continued the disaster emergency in the County of Adams, State of Colorado, with the May 6, 2020 Order remaining effective until such time as it is officially concluded by or with the consent of the BoCC; and,

WHEREAS, the national emergency concerning the coronavirus has been repeatedly continued and remains active, however the Governor of the State of Colorado previously rescinded the statewide disaster declaration and has been focusing coronavirus related Executive Orders on recovery efforts; and,

WHEREAS, the BoCC has determined that Adams County, Colorado is currently in the recovery stage of the coronavirus pandemic and that an active disaster declaration is no longer necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Adams County, Colorado, that the disaster emergency in the County of Adams, State of Colorado declared by the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners on March 11, 2020, and continued by the County Manager on March 18, 2020, March 25, 2020, April 15, 2020, and May 6, 2020 is hereby officially terminated.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ADAMS COUNTY, COLORADO

Chair

Date

ATTEST: JOSH ZYGIELBAUM CLERK AND RECORDER

Approved as to form:

Deputy Clerk