

**DECLARATION AND ORDER OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE DUE TO PUBLIC
HEALTH EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 Novel Coronavirus a pandemic;

WHEREAS, as of March 15, 2020, the United States Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) indicates there are over 1600 cases and 41 deaths in the United States;

WHEREAS, most states in the United States are experiencing confirmed cases of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) recognizes COVID-19 as a threat to the residents of Montana;

WHEREAS, there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 in Butte-Silver Bow;

WHEREAS, the Butte-Silver Bow United Health Command have activated response plans and protocols to prepare for additional cases of COVID-19 in Butte-Silver Bow;

WHEREAS, the Butte-Silver Bow United Health Command have also worked to identify, contact, and test individual in Butte-Silver Bow who have been potentially exposed to COVID-19 in coordination with the State of Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services and the CDC;

WHEREAS, proactively implementing mitigation measures to slow the spread of the virus is in the best interests of Butte-Silver Bow and its people;

WHEREAS, COVID-19, a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death and is a new strain of Coronavirus that had not been previously identified in humans and can easily spread from person-to-person;

WHEREAS, the CDC identifies the potential public health threat posed by COVID-19 both globally and in the United States as "high" and has advised that person-to-person spread of the COVID-19 will continue to occur globally,

including within the United States, Montana, and Butte-Silver Bow:

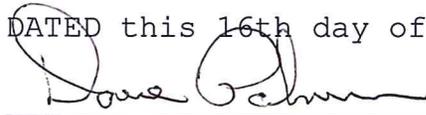
WHEREAS, the circumstances of this outbreak may exceed the capacity of the services, personnel, equipment, supplies and facilities of Butte-Silver Bow;

WHEREAS, the availability and utilization of all necessary local government services, equipment, and suppliers under this declaration will further the efforts to protect health and safety and to preserve the lives, property, and resources of the people of Butte-Silver Bow, Montana;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, by the Butte-Silver Bow Chief Executive that an emergency is hereby declared pursuant to Section 10-3-402, Montana Code Annotated (MCA, because expenditures of the COVID-19 outbreak will be beyond the financial capability of the Butte-Silver Bow.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that there shall be appropriated to the Emergency Fund Number 2260 an amount equivalent to two (2) mills on the taxable valuation of the County outside the incorporated municipalities, pursuant to Section 10-3-405. MCA. Said two (2) mills will be levied during fiscal year 2020-21 and be utilized for restoring services, personnel, equipment, supplies and facilities impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak.

DATED this 16th day of March, 2020.



DAVE PALMER
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

ATTEST:

SALLY J. HOLLIS
CLERK AND RECORDER

BY Sally J Hollis
TITLE _____

