

RESOLUTION 74-2020

RESOLUTION RATIFYING AND EXTENDING DECLARATION OF A DISASTER EMERGENCY IN AND FOR WASHINGTON 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;

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-703(3), a "disaster" is defined to mean "the occurrence or imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from any natural cause or cause of human origin, including but not limited to fire, flood, earthquake, wind, storm, wave action, hazardous substance incident, oil spill or other water contamination requiring emergency action to avert danger or damage, volcanic activity, epidemic, air pollution, blight, drought, infestation, explosion, civil disturbance, or hostile military or paramilitary action, or a condition of riot, insurrection, or invasion";

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709(1), the declaration of a local disaster shall not be continued or renewed for a period in excess of seven days except by or with the consent of the governing board of the political subdivision;

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;

WHEREAS, declaration of a local disaster emergency will assist and permit access to local emergency funds, Federal and State assistance, adjustments to policies, procedures, and ordinances to ensure the public's health and welfare;

WHEREAS, Washington County experienced a severe wind storm on the evening of June 8th and morning of June 9th, which caused widespread damage throughout the County, including without limitation down trees, damaged structures, and power outages;

WHEREAS, the resulting damage and destruction necessitates this declaration of an emergency disaster and the activation of a disaster response by the County with assistance from available state and federal agencies; and

WHEREAS, the County Administrator, after consultation with each individual County Commissioner and acting on behalf of the Chairman due to his unavailability and the unavailability of the Vice Chair, declared a disaster emergency on June 9, 2020, which the Board of County

Commissioners desires to ratify and extend further until the damage and destruction caused by the wind storm can be remedied.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, by the Washington County Board of County Commissioners, as follows:

1. The June 9, 2020 declaration of a local disaster emergency in and for the County of Washington, Colorado, is hereby ratified and extended until July 31st, 2020, unless terminated sooner or extended further by the Board of County Commissioners.

2. This Resolution shall be given prompt and general publicity, filed with the Washington County Clerk and Recorder, and submitted to the Colorado Office of Emergency Management.

APPROVED this 16th day of June, 2020.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
WASHINGTON COUNTY, COLORADO**

Tony Wells
Tony Wells, Chairman

Leland T. Willeke
Leland Willeke, Commissioner

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ATTEST:

Annie Kuntz
Annie Kuntz, Clerk to the Board