WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern on January 30, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services declared a Public Health Emergency related to the COVID-19 outbreak on January 31, 2020, the World Health Organization officially declared a pandemic due to COVID-19 on March 11, 2020, and the Governor of Arizona declared an emergency due to COVID-19 and issued Executive Order 2020-07 providing Proactive Measures to Protect Against COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 poses a serious public health threat for infectious disease spread to Mohave County residents and visitors if proper precautions recommended by public health are not followed; and

WHEREAS, in Mohave County, public health and health care systems have identified precautions and interventions that can mitigate the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, although there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Mohave County at this time, it is necessary and appropriate to take action to ensure the spread of COVID-19 is controlled and that the residents of Mohave County remain safe and healthy; and

WHEREAS, on December 6th, 1999, by Resolution No. 99-490, the Mohave County Board of Supervisors provided authority to the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to declare by proclamation an emergency within the entirety of Mohave County, or a local emergency within Mohave County to exist; and

WHEREAS, the Chairman of the Mohave County Board of Supervisors is authorized by the Mohave County Emergency Response and Recovery Plan (also referred to as the Mohave County Emergency Operations Plan) and by A.R.S. § 26-311 to declare an emergency; and

WHEREAS, during the emergency, the Chairman shall, in consultation with local health officials, govern by proclamation and have the authority to preserve the peace and order in the unincorporated areas of the county, including but not limited to:

- Imposing curfews;
- Ordering the closing of any business;
- Closing to public access any public building, street, or other public place;
- Call upon regular or auxiliary law enforcement agencies and organizations within or without the political subdivision for assistance; and
- Notify the Constitutional Officers (Sheriff, County Attorney, Recorder, Treasurer, Assessor, Superintendent of Schools) that the county office for which they are responsible may remain open or may close for the emergency.
NOW, THEREFORE I, Jean Bishop, Chairman of the Mohave County Board of Supervisors, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Arizona, do hereby determine that the COVID-19 outbreak presents conditions in Mohave County which may be beyond the control of the services, personnel equipment and facilities of Mohave County, and thus justifies a declaration of emergency; accordingly, pursuant to A.R.S. § 26-311, I do hereby:

1. Declare that an emergency now exists in the unincorporated areas of Mohave County;

2. Declare that the Chairman of the Mohave County Board of Supervisors shall, during such emergency, govern by proclamation and shall have the authority to impose all necessary regulations to preserve the peace and order of the unincorporated areas of the county;

3. Declare that during this emergency, political subdivisions have full power to provide mutual aid to any affected area in accordance with local ordinances, resolutions, emergency plans or agreements therefor.

Proclaimed this 18 day of March, 2020.

Jean Bishop, Chairman
Mohave County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

GINNY ANDERSON
Clerk of the Board, Mohave County

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND DETERMINED TO BE WITHIN THE SCOPE OF PERFORMANCE OF DUTY OF THE MOHAVE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

Ryan H. Esplin,
Deputy County Attorney