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RESOLUTION NO. 2020-R__

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA, RATIFYING THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES' MAY 30, 2020 PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY AND CONFIRMING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO CIVIL UNREST AND VIOLENCE AFTER THE TRAGIC DEATH OF GEORGE FLOYD

WHEREAS, Culver City Municipal Code (CCMC) Section 3.09.020.B empowers the City Manager, as the Director of Emergency Services "(Director of Emergency Services"), to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a Local Emergency if the City Council is not in session; and

WHEREAS, following the tragic death of George Floyd on May 25, 2020 in Minneapolis, Minnesota at the hands of an officer of the Minneapolis Police Department, civil unrest erupted in major cities throughout the country, in Los Angeles County, as well as in the neighboring cities of Los Angeles and Beverly Hills, including numerous acts of violence against first responders and individuals engaged in peaceful protests, extensive damage to public and private property, looting of businesses, and arson; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday May 30, 2020, the County of Los Angeles declared a local emergency, as did the neighboring cities of Los Angeles, Beverly Hills, West Hollywood, and Santa Monica, and other cities in Los Angeles County such as Torrance, Pasadena and Long Beach, in response to the violence surrounding the protests, and the threats posed to public safety, and public and private property; and

WHEREAS on May 30, 2020, the Director of Emergency Services proclaimed the existence of a local emergency pursuant to Chapter 3.09 of the CCMC, to effectuate an effective response to the extreme threat to public health and safety and to ensure the availability of mutual aid; and

WHEREAS, the mobilization of local resources, ability to coordinate interagency response, accelerate procurement of vital supplies, use mutual aid, and allow for future reimbursement by the state and federal governments will be critical to successfully responding to the local emergency; and

WHEREAS, the City Council does hereby find that the aforementioned conditions of extreme peril did warrant and necessitate the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency; and

WHEREAS, since May 30, 2020, there have been peaceful ongoing protests in numerous cities in Los Angeles County, as well as a number of peaceful protests in Culver City; however, other individuals and groups, separate from the peaceful protestors, have engaged in or attempted to engage in the criminal acts described above at the same time; and

WHEREAS, since May 30, 2020, the entire Culver City Police Department has been deployed to prevent looting in the City, respond to numerous calls for assistance due to vandalism and burglaries and attempted burglaries of retail stores in the City and threats to City businesses, and fight off numerous coordinated criminal attempts to break into and vandalize the Westfield Mall in Culver City.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Culver City, California,

DOES HEREBY RESOLVE as follows:

1. IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that the Local Emergency proclaimed by the Director of Emergency Services on May 30, 2020 is ratified, and further proclaimed and ordered that said Local Emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is proclaimed by the City Council of the City of Culver City, State of California.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED THAT a copy of 2. this proclamation shall be forwarded to the Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management, to be forwarded to the Director of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, requesting that the Director find it acceptable in accordance with State law; and requesting that the Governor of California waive regulations that may hinder response and recovery efforts; that recovery assistance be made available under the California Disaster Assistance Act; and that the State expedite access to State and Federal resources and any other appropriate federal disaster relief programs.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that this 3. Resolution ratifying and confirming the existence of a Local Emergency shall take effect immediately and that widespread publicity and notice shall be given of this Resolution throughout the City.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this ____ day of June, 2020.

GÖRAN ERIKSSON, MAYOR City of Culver City, California

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CAROL A. SCHWAB, City Attorney

JEREMY GREEN, City Clerk

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PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY BY THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES OF THE CITY OF CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS, Culver City Municipal Code Section 3.09.020.B empowers the City Manager, as the Director of Emergency Services, to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a Local Emergency if the City Council is not in session; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services of the City of Culver City does hereby find that an extreme threat to public health and safety now exists in the City of Culver City due to the violence surrounding the protests concerning the tragic death of George Floyd; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Culver City is not in session and cannot immediately be called into session, and that the aforementioned conditions of extreme threat to public health and safety warrant and necessitate that the Director of Emergency Services proclaim the existence of a Local Emergency.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED by the Director of Emergency Services, that a Local Emergency exists in Culver City, and the Local Emergency shall not remain in effect for a period in excess of seven days unless it has been ratified by the City Council; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said Local Emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of the City shall be those prescribed by state law, by ordinances, and resolutions of the City; and.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that all City Departments shall review and revise their Continuity of Operations Plans, in coordination with the Emergency Services Director, to address the risks the Local Emergency poses to their critical functions; and shall coordinate all crisis communications to employees and the public with the City's Crisis Communications Team; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that a copy of this Proclamation be forwarded to the Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management, to be forwarded to the Director of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, requesting that the Director find it acceptable in accordance with State law; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that this Proclamation of Local Emergency shall take effect immediately and that widespread publicity and notice shall be given of this Proclamation throughout the City.

Date: 5/30/2020

John M. Nachbar, City Manager Director of Emergency Services City of Culver City, California