

DOUGLAS COUNTY LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY DECLARATION

PURSUANT TO C.R.S. 24-33.5-709

WHEREAS, the Director of the Office of Emergency Management has advised the Board of County Commissioners of Douglas County ("the Board") of a disaster (as that term is defined in the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act, Part 7 of Article 33.5 of Title 24, C.R.S.) currently located in Douglas County Colorado which occurred March 13, 2019; and

WHEREAS, stranded motorists and rescues far exceed County responder assets to the extent that motorists are likely to be stranded long enough to risk their safety and wellbeing.

WHEREAS, as a result of the blizzard, Douglas County experienced the occurrence of widespread and severe damage and loss of property, including but not limited to damages to power, roads, bridges and structures; and public sector utilities impact. Significant power outages are reported throughout Douglas County for a total of more than 3300 outages reported via IREA Electrical and Xcel Energy.

WHEREAS, the magnitude of the incident and the response and recovery exceed operational resources available to Douglas County Government, and all available resources are being utilized or have been expended; and

WHEREAS, the widespread Douglas County Blizzard has disrupted traffic and posed an imminent threat to life and property of citizens on and along all county roads, State Highways 83, 86, 105 and Interstate 25, which is a key transportation route through Douglas County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act, Part 7 of Article 33.5 of Title 24, C.R.S. and the Douglas County Emergency Operations Plan, County RESOLUTION No. 016-096, the principal executive officer of a political subdivision is authorized to declare a local disaster; and

WHEREAS, the Douglas County Director of the Office of Emergency Management has recommended that Chair of the Douglas County Board of County Commissioners, who is the principal executive officer of Douglas County, declare a local disaster; and

WHEREAS, it would be appropriate and in the interest of the public health and safety, and would further protect property, for the Chair of the Douglas County Board of County Commissioners to implement said recommendation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that there is hereby declared a local disaster emergency for Douglas County, Colorado, pursuant to C.R.S. 24-33.5-709, as amended; and that the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Douglas County, Colorado, declares this to be a local disaster. I also understand that, according to Colorado State Statute, this disaster declaration will expire seven days from today, unless approved by a majority of the Board of County Commissioners.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this declaration shall be given prompt and general publicity, and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk and Recorder, the municipal clerk, or another authorized recordkeeping agency, and the Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (CDHSEM).

DONE THIS __13th__ day of March, 2019, at Castle Rock, Douglas County Colorado.

By : Lora L. Thomas
Lora L. Thomas
BOCC Chair
Principal Executive Officer
Douglas County