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**CITY OF FOREST GROVE
DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY
MARCH 14, 2020**

WHEREAS, the City of Forest Grove has the authority granted under ORS Chapter 401 and the Emergency Operations Plan, that provides direction to the City, its officials, and others in the event of an emergency that exists within the City, and which provides for the responsibility in times of emergency and specifically delegates authority to declare a state of emergency to the Mayor, and

WHEREAS, the following conditions have resulted in the need for the declaration of a state of emergency:

Multiple cases of COVID-19 have been detected in Washington County, and

The Washington County Board of Commissioners has declared a state of emergency relating to COVID-19 in Washington County, Oregon; and

The Governor of the State of Oregon has declared a state of emergency relating to COVID-19 in the State of Oregon; and

The President of the United States has declared a state of emergency relating to COVID-19 in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the foregoing circumstances constitute a threat of imminent widespread illness, human suffering, loss of life, and financial loss, which in the determination of the Mayor will cause such significant damage as to warrant disaster assistance from resources other than the City's to supplement the efforts and available City resources to alleviate the damage, loss, hardship or suffering caused, and

WHEREAS, the foregoing circumstances require a coordinated response beyond that which occurs routinely, and the required response cannot be achieved solely with the added resources acquired through mutual aid or cooperative assistance agreements; and

WHEREAS, the foregoing circumstances affects all of the territory within the City limits, and

WHEREAS, the foregoing circumstances are anticipated to remain in effect for a period of at least four weeks;

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS DECLARED THAT A STATE OF EMERGENCY NOW EXISTS IN THE CITY OF FOREST GROVE, ENCOMPASSING ALL OF THE AREA WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS; and

IT IS FURTHER DECLARED that the City and its officials shall be authorized to take such actions and issue such orders as are determined to be necessary to protect the public and property and efficiently conduct activities that minimize or mitigate the effect of the emergency; and

IT IS FURTHER DECLARED that the City shall take all necessary steps authorized by law to coordinate response and recovery from this emergency, including but not limited to, requesting assistance and potential reimbursements from the State of Oregon and appropriate federal agencies; and

IT IS FURTHER DECLARED that emergency procurements of goods and services are authorized pursuant to ORS 279B.080, ORS 279C.335(6), ORS 279.380(4), and all other applicable rules.

THIS DECLARATION IS EFFECTIVE MARCH 14, 2020 AT 1:00 PM AND SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL 8:00 P.M. ON APRIL 13, 2020, UNLESS SUPERCEDED SOONER.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter B. Truax", written over a horizontal line.

Peter B. Truax, Mayor, City of Forest Grove

A handwritten date "14 March 2020" in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

Date: March 14, 2020