



PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, State Emergency Management officials have reported that several patients have tested positive for the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has issued a warning regarding the impacts and severity of this event; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease which is new to humans and can cause serious illness, including pneumonia, and can result in death; and

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, The Governor of the State of Washington proclaimed a State of Emergency in response to COVID-19 in all counties in the State of Washington; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Washington issued Proclamation 20-11, stating that the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic and its progression in Washington State, continues to threaten the life and health of our people as well as the economy of Washington State, and remains a public health disaster affecting life, health, property or the public peace; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the Stevens County Commissioners declared a State of Emergency in Stevens County in response to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the protection of the lives, public peace, safety and welfare of the residents of Kettle Falls during this outbreak of COVID-19 is of utmost importance; and

WHEREAS, the duration of this event is unknown, and its severity may exceed the capability of local resources; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kettle Falls may require supplemental assistance; and

WHEREAS, conditions warrant the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency.

NOT THEREFORE, I JOHN C. RIDLINGTON, AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF KETTLE FALLS, DO PROCLAIM THE FOLLOWING:

- A. Pursuant to Kettle Falls Municipal Code (KFMC) Chapter 2.40 after consultation with our Emergency Management Director and relevant Federal, State and County emergency management officials, I hereby proclaim an emergency exists, as defined in KFMC 2.40,

in the City of Kettle Falls as a result of COVID-19, which is new to humans and can cause serious illness, including pneumonia, and even death.

- B. Effective upon my signing this Proclamation, the Mayor is hereby empowered with emergency powers vested to the Mayor by way of RCW Chapter 38.52 and KFCM Chapter 2.40.
- C. A copy of this Proclamation shall be filed with the Clerk/Treasurer and, to the extent practicable, shall be available to the general public. In order to give the widest dissemination of this Proclamation to the public, as many other available means as may be practical to use shall be used, include but not limited to posting on public facilities and the City of Kettle Falls website.
- D. This Proclamation shall be in effect until such a time it is terminated by executive order.



John C. Ridlington, Mayor

3-18-2020

Date