



PROCLAMATION  
BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF  
SUPERVISORS DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN  
THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF YUMA  
COUNTY TO ADDRESS COVID-19

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, and 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 Yuma County residents and visitors if proper precautions recommended by public health are not followed; and

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

WHEREAS, it is necessary and appropriate to take action to ensure the spread of COVID-19 is controlled and that the residents of Yuma County remain safe and healthy; and

WHEREAS, the Chairman of the Yuma County Board of Supervisors is authorized by the Yuma County Emergency Operations Plan and by A.R.S. § 26-311 to declare an emergency; and

WHEREAS, during the emergency, the Chairman shall 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, Marco A. "Tony" Reyes, Chairman of the Yuma County Board of Supervisors, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State, do hereby determine that the COVID-19 outbreak presents conditions in Yuma County which may be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of Yuma 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 Yuma County;
2. Declare that the Chairman of the 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; and
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 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

  
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MARCO A. "TONY" REYES, Chairman  
Yuma County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

  
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SUSAN K. THORPE  
County Administrator/Clerk of Board

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

  
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JON R. SMITH, County Attorney



9:22 a.m.

  
Deshae Doten, Deputy Clerk