A DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY
on March 17, 2020 in the
TOWN OF CARBONDALE, COLORADO

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act, C.R.S., Section 24-33.5-701, et seq., the Town of Carbondale ("Town") has identified a local disaster currently present in the Town, to wit, the occurrence or imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury or loss of life or property resulting from COVID-19 requiring emergency action to avert danger or damage and to protect public health; and

WHEREAS, the cost and magnitude of responding to and recovery from the impact of COVID-19 may be in excess of the Town’s available resources; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Governor Jared Polis and Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment have indicated the likelihood of community transmission of COVID-19 within the Roaring Fork Valley at the present time; and

WHEREAS, it would be appropriate and in the interests of the public health and safety, and would further protect property, for the Town to take immediate actions for public safety, health and welfare; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709, the Town Manager is authorized to declare a local disaster emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE TOWN MANAGER OF THE TOWN OF CARBONDALE HEREBY DECLARES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That there is a local disaster emergency in the Town of Carbondale, Colorado, to wit, the occurrence or imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury or loss of life or property resulting from COVID-19 requiring emergency action to avert danger or damage.

Section 2. That the effect of this declaration of disaster shall be to activate the response and recovery aspects of any and all applicable local and interjurisdictional disaster emergency plans and to seek and authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance under such plans.

Section 3. That Town of Carbondale residents, businesses and visitors are encouraged to remain informed, follow the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Garfield County Public Health guidance for mitigation strategies for communities with local COVID-19 transmission.

Section 4. That the Town of Carbondale Recreation Center shall be closed to the general public until further notice. This closure will be re-evaluated on an ongoing basis. Other
facilities owned and controlled by the Town may have reduced hours or closures to be determined on an ongoing basis.

Section 5. That all Town advisory board meetings are cancelled until further notice. This cancellation will also be re-evaluated on an ongoing basis. Board of Trustee meeting schedules and formats may also be subject to change pursuant to additional resolutions to be adopted by the Town concerning temporary revised public meeting procedures.

Section 6. That Town-issued licenses and authorizations (including but not limited to liquor licenses, marijuana licenses, and building authorizations) may be temporarily suspended by the Town Manager immediately upon notice to the holder in the event of any violation by the holder of any health-related operational restrictions promulgated by Garfield County Public Health or the State of Colorado in response to the COVID-19 crisis.

Section 7. That, until further notice, basic social distancing practices shall be implemented in all Town buildings. The public is encouraged to use telephone and online resources for accessing government.

Section 8. That this declaration shall be effective upon the date and time given below and shall remain in effect for a period not to exceed seven days thereafter except by or with the consent of a majority of the members of the Board of Trustees. Copies will be filed promptly with the Garfield County Emergency Manager, the Colorado Office of Emergency Management, the Garfield County Clerk and Recorder and the Town Clerk and shall be promptly distributed to the appropriate representatives of the news media.

Dated: March 17, 2020, Time: 6:30 p.m.

THE TOWN OF CARBONDALE, a Colorado Home Rule Municipality

Jay Harrington, Town Manager