

**RESOLUTION NO. 15
SERIES 2020**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CRESTED BUTTE TOWN COUNCIL ENDORSING THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS ISSUED BY GUNNISON COUNTY'S PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIAL

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a highly contagious virus that has spread to numerous countries around the world, including the United States; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 a public health emergency of international concern, and on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services declared the virus a public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the Governor of Colorado declared a State of Emergency for the State of Colorado due to COVID-19 and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment has confirmed that COVID-19 continues to spread throughout the State of Colorado, and community transmission of the illness has been confirmed in Gunnison County.; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of COVID-19 a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Gunnison County declared a Local Disaster Emergency related to COVID-19 and has extended the Local Disaster Emergency pursuant to meetings of the Gunnison County Board of County Commissioners and additional extensions may occur as the COVID-19 emergency continues; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. Section 24-33.5-709, Crested Butte Municipal Code Chapter 2, Section 9, and the emergency management and operations plans and resolutions of Crested Butte, Colorado, on March 13, 2020 the Town Council declared a local disaster emergency; and

WHEREAS, Gunnison County serves as the designated Public Health Department for Gunnison County, including the Town of Crested Butte, and pursuant to that authority, the County Public Health Director has issued ten (10) Public Health Orders ("Orders") and related guidance and requirements that apply within and are enforceable by the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Orders were adopted pursuant to the legal authority set forth in sections 25-1-506 and 25-1-508 of the Colorado Revised Statutes. Under these laws, the Gunnison County Public Health Director has the duty to investigate and control the causes of epidemic or communicable diseases and conditions affecting public health and to establish, maintain, and enforce isolation and quarantine, and in pursuance thereof, and for this purpose only, to exercise physical control over property and over the persons of the people within the jurisdiction of the agency as the agency may find necessary for the protection of the public health; and

WHEREAS, the Public Health Director has consulted and coordinated efforts with the Town of Crested Butte and the Gunnison Valley Watershed School District, Western Colorado University, the Towns of Mount Crested Butte, Pitkin, and Marble, the City of Gunnison, Gunnison Valley Health, the United States Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, Crested Butte & Mt. Crested Butte Chamber of Commerce, the Tourism and Prosperity Partnership (TAPP) Gunnison Country Chamber of Commerce, the State of Colorado (and its agencies and departments), the faith community, the business community and all of the residents of Gunnison County in assisting the Public Health Director in taking the steps necessary to mitigate and control the risk of COVID-19 infection, and shall continue to work with these entities and others in a collaborative effort to contain the spread of this deadly virus; and

WHEREAS, the Town finds that the Orders issued by the Public Health Director will control the cascading impacts on critical services by limiting spread of COVID-19 and will help hospitals, first responders, and other healthcare services continue to provide services for those who need them (along with utilities, human services, and businesses) in the coming weeks and months. Collective action can save lives and is in support of the most vulnerable in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CRESTED BUTTE THAT the Town of Crested Butte endorses and supports the orders issues by the Gunnison County Public Health Official.

INTRODUCED, READ, AND ADOPTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL THIS 15th DAY OF JUNE, 2020.

TOWN OF CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO

By: _____

James A. Schmidt, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lynelle Stanford, Town Clerk

