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**ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY ORDERS BY THE REDONDO BEACH CITY MANAGER
UNDER THE PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO COVID-19
July 30, 2020**

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, I declared a local emergency due to the imminent threat of COVID-19 in Redondo Beach and subsequently ordered a number of measures to help protect residents, visitors and City employees and to combat the spread of the virus in our community including: the closure of the City's three Senior Centers; the cancellation or postponement of a number of citywide special events and activities at the Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center; the closure of the City's Main Library, North Branch Library and Teen Center; the suspension of the City's After School Care Program; the suspension of all City Advisory Commission Meetings; and the modification of core municipal services to enable proper social distancing.

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, I issued a second proclamation, in conjunction with Los Angeles County Health Officer recommendations, ordering the closure of all restaurants, bars, nightclubs, movie theaters, gyms and fitness centers in the City; issued a temporary moratorium on evictions due to the non-payment of rent or mortgage resulting from COVID-19 related financial distress; and prohibited the shutoff of any utilities due to late payment.

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the Mayor and City Council ratified the declaration of local emergency and confirmed all emergency orders (see the attached summary) implemented by the City as of that date.

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the Los Angeles County Public Health Officer issued the Safer at Home Order to further restrict and limit the gathering of persons and to require the closure of malls, shopping centers, children's playgrounds, and non-essential retail businesses to stem or slow the spread of COVID-19 within the greater Los Angeles community.

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020 the Governor of the State of California issued Executive Order N-33-20 ordering all individuals living in the State of California to stay home or at

their place of residence, except as needed to maintain continuity of operations of federal critical infrastructure sectors.

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, I ordered additional measures including the closure of Wilderness Park and all City Park Playgrounds and made modifications to the operations of the Beach Cities Transit System and The Wave.

WHEREAS, on March 21, 2020, the Los Angeles County Public Health Officer issued a revised Safer at Home Order prohibiting all indoor and outdoor public and private gatherings and events and further restricting the number and type of businesses considered Essential Businesses.

WHEREAS, on March 26, 2020, in coordination with Los Angeles County and other South Bay Cities, I ordered the closure of a number of additional City spaces, parks and facilities including the Redondo Beach Pier and Esplanade, through April 24, 2020, to reduce crowding in public places and to help slow the spread of COVID-19 in the community.

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020, the Los Angeles County Health Officer, issued an addendum to the Safer at Home Order and temporarily closed public trails, beaches, piers and beach bike paths to help ensure safe social distancing.

WHEREAS, on April 7, 2020, the City of Los Angeles issued a Worker Protection Order, requiring workers and customers of certain businesses and essential service providers such as grocery stores, laundromats, restaurants, and hotels to wear face coverings while performing their work or visiting the businesses.

WHEREAS, on April 9, 2020, the City Manager acting as the Director of Emergency Services issued Additional Emergency Public Orders regarding the requirement of workers of Essential Businesses to wear face coverings; workers of other businesses and services who perform their duties in the company of others to wear face coverings and visitors of Essential Businesses and other businesses and services to wear face coverings.

WHEREAS, on April 10, 2020, the Los Angeles County Public Health Officer issued a revised Safer at Home Order requiring all employees of Essential Businesses to wear face coverings while performing duties that require contact with others and members of the public visiting Essential Businesses to wear face coverings.

WHEREAS, on April 21, 2020, the City Council confirmed all of the Emergency Orders issued to date by the City Manager acting as the Director of Emergency Services with some minor modifications.

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2020, the City Council 1) received a status report on the Local Emergency and a draft beach reopening plan prepared by the Los Angeles County Beaches and Harbors Department signaling the County's intention to re-open the beach

for exercise purposes only and allow ocean water access for swimming and other water activities on or before May 15, 2020 and 2) gave direction regarding modifications to City Emergency Orders in anticipation of changes the State and County are likely to make to their Stay at Home and Safer at Home Orders to allow for a phased reopening of business and public activities with continued social distancing requirements.

WHEREAS, on May 6, 2020, officials from Los Angeles County announced that certain businesses and public locations would reopen on May 8, 2020, including florists, toy stores, book stores, clothing stores, music stores, sporting goods stores, car dealerships, golf courses and trails with new operation and social distancing requirements.

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2020, the State Public Health Officer acknowledged that COVID-19 still posed a significant risk to the health of individuals in California but also determined that the statewide data supported a gradual movement of the entire state from Stage 1 to Stage 2 of California's Pandemic Resilience Roadmap and therefore, issued an order which allowed all local health jurisdictions to begin gradual movement into Stage 2 effective May 8, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2020, I issued an Emergency Order that reopened the Harbor Drive Bike Path and the North Redondo Beach Bike Path, and set reopening dates, in accordance with anticipated revisions to Countywide Public Health Orders, for the Dominguez Park Dog Park, the Boat Hoist, the Personal Watercraft Hand Launch, City Park Tennis Courts, and Beach Access Points. The May 7 Order also extended a number of prior City emergency orders due to COVID-19's continued impact and rescinded certain City orders that were superseded by the State Order or replaced by more prescriptive County Orders.

WHEREAS, on May 12, 2020, the City Council considered the various City Orders and confirmed them with a few modifications. The modifications included an immediate opening of Czulugar Park and the sidewalks on the west side of the Esplanade and Harbor Drive, and the scheduling of a May 26 reopening of the parking spots along the Esplanade and in the lot adjacent to Miramar Park in Torrance.

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles Public Health Officer issued orders dated May 8, 2020 and May 26, 2020 to align with the State Executive Orders and State Health Officer Orders that support the phased reopening of California consistent with the California Pandemic Resilience Roadmap and announced the opening of additional public facilities and business activities; and

WHEREAS, on May 29, 2020, I issued an Emergency Order, and on June 3, 2020 the City Council confirmed the Order, which rescinded several local orders and connected the reopening of certain City facilities to the opening of similar County facilities; and,

WHEREAS, on June 29, 2020, Los Angeles County, due to key metrics showing a steep increase in the community spread of COVID-19, issued an Order temporarily closing

Public Beaches, Piers, Beach Bike Paths, and Beach Access Points for the period July 3 through 6 and prohibited Fireworks Shows and Events until further notice; and,

WHEREAS, on June 30, 2020, I issued additional Emergency orders, and on July 7, 2020 the City Council confirmed the orders, that closed Veteran's Park and the adjacent Parking Lots, Parking along the west side of the Esplanade, the Parking Lot adjacent to Miramar Park in Torrance, George Freeth Way, and the Redondo Bike Path Parkette Parking Lot for the period July 3 through 6, and extended the closure of certain City Facilities including the Performing Arts Center, Senior Centers, Teen Center, and all Public Counters at City Hall and Department Offices until further notice.

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles, on July 18, 2020, due to recent regression of key COVID-19 indicators which showed troubling and substantial increases in the County's new daily reported COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and testing positivity rate, issued additional Reopening Safer at Work and in the Community for Control of COVID-19 orders requiring the immediate temporary closure of specific activities and business sectors in alignment with the Governor's July 13, 2020 adjustments to the State's phased reopening approach; and

WHEREAS, as of July 30, 2020, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website listed the number of COVID-19 cases in the United States of America at 4,405,932 persons, including 150,283 deaths in the Country, and the Los Angeles County Public Health Department cited 183,383 cases (381 in Redondo Beach) and 4,516 deaths in Los Angeles County.

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the City Manager and Director of Emergency Services for the City of Redondo Beach, and pursuant to the provisions of California Government Code Section 8634 and Redondo Beach Municipal Code Title 3, Chapter 2 and Title 5, Chapter 6 and the laws of the State of California to promulgate, issue, and enforce rules, regulations, orders, and directives, **I hereby order, effective immediately**, the following:

1. **The closure of City Libraries is extended until further notice, except for takeout program activities.**
2. **The cancellation of citywide special events is extended until further notice.**
3. **The suspension of City recreation after-school program operations and after-care activities is extended until further notice.**

PER THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE AND GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 8665, ANY VIOLATION OF THE ABOVE PROHIBITIONS SHALL CONSTITUTE A MISDEMEANOR, WHICH PROVIDES FOR FINES NOT TO EXCEED \$1,000 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT TO EXCEED SIX MONTHS, AND MAY BE REFERRED TO THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY FOR PROSECUTION. EACH INDIVIDUAL OFFICER SHOULD USE THEIR DISCRETION IN ENFORCING THIS ORDER AND ALWAYS KEEP THE INTENT OF THE ORDER IN MIND.

Date: **July 30, 2020**



Joe Hoefgen,
City Manager