PROCLAMATION DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY AND INVOKING EMERGENCY POWERS IN SALT LAKE COUNTY DUE TO A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, pursuant to Utah Code Ann. §§ 53-2A-205 and -208, the Mayor has the power to declare a state of emergency for Salt Lake County; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.86.030, Salt Lake County Code of Ordinances, 2007, authorizes the Mayor to declare that a state of emergency exists in Salt Lake County and to invoke certain powers in aid of responding to and mitigating such state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.86.050(E), Salt Lake County Code of Ordinances, 2007, authorizes the Mayor in the event of a public health emergency and at the request of the director of the health department to declare an emergency to prevent or contain the outbreak and spread of a communicable or infectious disease; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor issued a Proclamation Declaring a State of Emergency and Invoking Emergency Powers in Salt Lake County based upon the imminent danger created by the threat of COVID-19 on March 6, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake County has experienced an outbreak of the COVID-19 (“Coronavirus”), which has impacted the citizens of Salt Lake County’s municipalities, metro townships, and unincorporated Salt Lake County; and

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus has caused the Salt Lake County Health Department to quarantine individuals and to take other steps within its authority to mitigate the potential spread of the disease; and

WHEREAS, the Salt Lake County Health Department has discovered evidence of community transmission within Salt Lake County; and

WHEREAS, the director of the health department has requested the Mayor to declare a public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, these conditions create a “Public Health State of Emergency” according to the laws of the State of Utah and Salt Lake County Ordinances:

THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Mayor of Salt Lake County, Utah:


2. The emergency powers and operations of the County are hereby invoked and the County’s personnel and resources are ordered and authorized to perform all functions specified in County Ordinance 2.86.050.
3. This Declaration shall take effect immediately and be declared to be ongoing and continuing for no more than thirty (30) days until terminated or extended pursuant to governing law.

4. The County is authorized to request all assistance available to Salt Lake County pursuant to the laws of the United States of America, the laws of the State of Utah, and the ordinances of Salt Lake County and activate all applicable mutual aid agreements.

5. This Declaration shall be provided to the State of Utah, Salt Lake County Council, filed immediately with the Salt Lake County Clerk and published by general dissemination to the news media.

6. This Declaration supersedes the prior Declaration dated March 6, 2020.

DATED THIS 14 DAY OF MARCH, 2020

MAYOR JENNIFER WILSON

Approved As To Form:

Ralph Chamness
Chief Deputy District Attorney
Date: March, 16 2020