DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

TOOELE CITY, UTAH

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2020, the Utah Department of Health ("UDH") activated its Department Operations Center in response to the evolving COVID-19 global pandemic. The UDH recognizes COVID-19 as an imminent threat to the health and safety of the residents of the State of Utah ("Utah"); and,

WHEREAS, on February 28, 2020, the State Emergency Operations Center raised its activation level to "Level 3 – Elevated Action." The Utah Division of Emergency Management ("UDEM") and the UDH activated a Joint Information System for public information; and,

WHEREAS, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") has identified the potential public health threat posed by COVID-19 both globally and in the United States as "high," and has advised that person-to-person spread of COVID-19 will continue to occur globally, including within the United States; and,

WHEREAS, the UDH recognized that confirmed community transmission in the United States significantly increases the risk of exposure and infection to the general public with Utah, which creates an extreme public health risk that may spread quickly; and,

WHEREAS, due to the identification of COVID-19 cases in Utah, COVID-19 has created conditions that are or are likely to be beyond the control of local resources, and requires the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat; and,

WHEREAS, the presence of COVID-19 was identified in Tooele County on March 15, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, the Tooele County Health Officer ("Health Officer") has determined that there is an imminent and proximate threat to the public health within Tooele County from COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, the mobilization of local resources, the coordination of interagency responses, the acceleration of procurement of vital supplies, and the implementation of mutual aid agreements will be critical to successfully responding to COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, these conditions create a "State of Emergency" within the intent of the "Disaster Response and Recovery Act" found in Utah Code Annotated ("UCA"); Title 53, Chapter 2a, (1953), as amended, and necessitate that Tooele City proclaim the existence of a local emergency which allows for the utilization of emergency police powers and resources; and,
WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the Tooele County Commission declared a State of Emergency and has encouraged Tooele County’s municipalities to do the same; and,

WHEREAS, the Tooele County Emergency Operations Plan is now in effect. The incident command system with respect to this local emergency has been activated; and,

WHEREAS, the Tooele County Emergency Operations Center (“EOC”) has been activated:

THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF U.C.A. §53-2a-208, BE IT DECLARED BY TOOELE CITY MAYOR DEBRA E. WINN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Declaration of Local Emergency. It is hereby declared that there is a Local Emergency affecting Tooele City, Utah, which exceeds the resources of Tooele City Corporation, and assistance is requested from Tooele County, the State of Utah, and the federal government to provide all necessary resources to combat the emergency to protect the community and provide emergency assistance.

Section 2. Executive Authority. This declaration of a local emergency shall authorize the Mayor to take all actions necessary to limit the impact, loss, damage, and disruption due to the local emergency.

Section 3. General Provisions. This State of Emergency has not been implemented based on a current level of confirmed cases; rather, it reflects that Tooele City will work in concert with County, State, and Federal agencies to slow the spread of COVID-19 infection. This action is based in part on recommendations of both the professionals of the Tooele County Health Department and the Tooele County Emergency Response Center.

Section 4. Special Events Permits. Special Event Permits will be subject to review on a case-by-case basis by Tooele City.

Section 5. Closures. The following Tooele City facilities shall be closed to the general public:

- Tooele City Public Library
- Pratt Aquatics Center
- Dow James Building

Due to the evolving situation with potential spread of the COVID-19 virus, the closure of Tooele City facilities will be continuously reviewed and updated. Where, in the opinion of the Mayor, it is warranted, these closures may be expanded to other facilities.
Section 6. **Public Advisories.** The following measures are hereby strongly recommended by the Tooele County Health Department and by Tooele City. Additional public advisories may be issued by the Tooele County Health Department and the Centers for Disease Control.

- No gatherings over Ten (10) people should be held.
- Those individuals who are age Sixty (60) or older, or who are immunocompromised, should not attend gatherings.
- Persons in any gathering should maintain distance from one another where practical.
- In the discretion of the Mayor, City employees may be encouraged to work remotely from home.
- Where appropriate, other employers should encourage their employees to work remotely from home.
- In the discretion of the Mayor, in addition to measures approved by the City Council, the City may make temporary modifications to its personnel policies and procedures as necessary and reasonable due to COVID-19.
- Where City employees are sick, the City will encourage them to stay at home.
- Where employees with other employers are sick, employers should encourage their employees to stay at home.
- Extra-curricular public and private school activities should be cancelled.
- Public and private schools should be closed.
- Access to long-term care facilities should be limited to close family relatives and facility staff.
- Restaurants should cease dine-in eating.

Section 7. **Fluidity.** As the nature and extent of the local emergency evolves, additional guidance may be provided, based on the advisories of the Tooele County Health Department, the State of Utah, and the Centers for Disease Control.

Section 8. **Duration.** This declaration of local emergency shall expire thirty (30) days after the Effective Date (defined below) unless extended in writing by the Tooele City Council.

Section 9. **Publication.** This declaration of a local emergency shall be on file for public inspection with the Tooele City Recorder.

Section 10. **Notice to Governor.** A copy of this Declaration of a local emergency shall be sent to the Office of the Governor of the State of Utah.
Effective Date: 3-18-2020

Debra E. Winn, Tooele City Mayor
Tooele City, Utah

Attest:

Michelle Y. Pitt, City Recorder

Approved as to Form:

Roger Evans Baker, City Attorney