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A DIVISION OF
HEALTH CARE
SERVICES AGENCY

DECLARATION OF LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY
(Health & Safety Code §101080)

WHEREAS, California Health and Safety Code Section 101080 authorizes a local health officer to proclaim a local health emergency in the health officer's jurisdiction, or any part thereof, whenever the health officer reasonably determines that there is an imminent and proximate threat of the introduction of any contagious, infectious, or communicable disease, chemical agent, noncommunicable biologic agent, toxin, or radioactive agent, and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of a Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) a "public health emergency of international concern", and on March 11, 2020 referenced the event as a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, United States Health and Human Service Secretary Alex M. Azar II declared a public health emergency for the United States to aid the nation's healthcare community in responding to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced on February 25, 2020, that community spread of COVID-19 is likely to occur in the United States, and

WHEREAS, March 4, 2020, the Governor of the State of California Proclaimed a State of Emergency, which included waiving the 30-day time period requirement for renewal of a local health emergency for the duration of the statewide emergency; and

WHEREAS, there is currently three (3) confirmed case of COVID-19 in San Joaquin County, and there is an ongoing risk and likelihood of COVID-19 patients being identified in San Joaquin County; and

WHEREAS, the San Joaquin County Public Health Services will use all preventive measures, which requires access to available services, personnel, equipment, and facilities, to respond to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, this declaration enables the County to more effectively respond to the outbreak, seek and utilize mutual aid, potentially obtain reimbursement, and ensure that the County's public health professionals and providers have all necessary personal protective equipment to provide quality care and keep our community safe.

NOW, THEREFORE, the San Joaquin County Health Officer declares and proclaims a local health emergency in San Joaquin County commencing on or about 9:30 a.m. of the 12th day of March, 2020.

Date: 3/12/2020

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