

RESOLUTION NO. 23- __

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE ELSINORE
TERMINATING THE PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY IN RESPONSE
TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Governor of the State of California proclaimed a State of Emergency in the State of California due to the presence of and threat posed by the novel coronavirus ("COVID-19"); and

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2020, the Riverside County Health Officer determined that there is an imminent and proximate threat to the public health from the introduction of COVID-19 in Riverside County and declared a Local Health Emergency and the Riverside County Board of Supervisors ratified the declaration on March 10, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization (WHO) publicly characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the City Manager acting in his capacity as Director of Emergency Services proclaimed the existence of a local emergency throughout the City of Lake Elsinore in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2020, pursuant to Lake Elsinore Municipal Code Section 3.12.060 and applicable state law, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2020-18 ratifying the proclamation of local emergency and proclaiming existence of a local emergency regarding COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the State's and Riverside County's COVID-19 related State of Emergency terminated effective February 28, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Riverside COVID-19 metrics continue to improve and the County has officially entered the Low COVID-19 Community Level, indicating that the pandemic is not exerting undue stress on the local healthcare system; and

WHEREAS, with low transmission levels, widely available vaccines and boosters, expanding treatment options and increased public awareness and implementation of personal and public health safety measures and precautions, the City Council finds that the conditions that existed in March 2020 that led to the initial declaration of a local emergency no longer support continuing that declaration.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE ELSINORE DOES
HEREBY RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1. The City Council finds and determines that the foregoing recitals are true and correct and hereby incorporates them in this Resolution.

SECTION 2. The City Council recognizes the ongoing need to monitor and implement public health and safety measures in response to COVID-19, but finds and determines that the broad authorities inherent under a local emergency are no longer necessary in the City of Lake Elsinore.

SECTION 3. The City Council declares that current conditions no longer warrant the continuation of the previously declared local emergency relating to COVID-19 and as a result such proclamation of local emergency is hereby terminated.

SECTION 4. This Resolution is effective upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of March, 2023.

Natasha Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Candice Alvarez MMC, City Clerk

(STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
(COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE) ss.
(CITY OF LAKE ELSINORE)

I, Candice Alvarez, City Clerk of the City of Lake Elsinore, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 23-__ being:

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was approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lake Elsinore on the 14th of March 2023, by the following vote:

AYES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:
NOES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:
ABSTAIN:	COUNCILMEMBERS:
ABSENT:	COUNCILMEMBERS:

Candice Alvarez, MMC, City Clerk