



Date: March 19, 2020
To: Downey City Employees
From: Gilbert A. Livas, City Manager
Subject: **PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY**

Dear Fellow Downey Staff:

In my capacity as Director of Emergency Services, I signed a formal Proclamation of a Local Emergency yesterday, March 18, 2020, as a means to take proactive steps to ensure the safety of our community and employees. The City Council will consider the ratification of the Proclamation at its Tuesday, March 24, 2020 City Council meeting.

Similar to Emergency Proclamations declared by the United States Department of Public Health and Human Services (January 31, 2020), State of California (March 4, 2020), and Los Angeles County (March 4, 2020), the City's Proclamation is a mechanism that enables the City to take extraordinary measures if necessary and increases the City Manager's purchasing power during the declared local emergency. Additionally, issuing the Proclamation formalizes the City's emergency response and ensures access to necessary resources.

At this time, the Proclamation is a proactive measure and changes to City operations as previously communicated will remain the same.

Once, again, thank you all for ensuring the continuity of City operations and providing necessary services to Downey patrons. These are challenging times, but I know our Downey team will pull through this, coming out better, stronger and more prepared for the future.

As the COVID-19 emergency evolves, we will continue to share updates we receive.

Sincerely,

Gilbert A. Livas
City Manager