PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY

BY THE AUTHORITY VESTED in me, I, Robert Uribe, as Mayor of the City of Douglas, do hereby proclaim a state of local emergency as follows:

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 2(e) of the Douglas City Charter and the City of Douglas that empowers the Mayor to declare an emergency by proclamation when an extraordinary local emergency threatens to cause or jeopardizes loss of life or property; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) §26-311, the undersigned Mayor of the City of Douglas has the authority to determine that a local emergency exists within the City limits of the City of Douglas due to natural or man-made calamity or disaster or by reason of threats or occurrences of riots, routs, affrays or other acts of civil disobedience which endanger life or property within the City of Douglas; and,

WHEREAS, the undersigned Mayor of the City of Douglas has determined that in December 2019, a novel coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2 was first detected in Wuhan, Hubei Province, People's Republic of China, causing outbreaks of the coronavirus disease COVID-19 that has spread globally; and,

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared a Public Health Emergency followed by a declaration of pandemic due to COVID-19 on March 11, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, the Centers on Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") recommends an "All of Community" approach focused on slowing the transmission of COVID-19 through social distancing to reduce illness and death, while minimizing social and economic impacts; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the Honorable Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, declared a state of emergency due to COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, citing 1,645 people from 47 states having become infected with the virus that causes COVID-19, the President of the United States, Donald J. Trump, declared the COVID-19 outbreak a state of national emergency that began March 1, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, the Honorable Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, announced the temporary closure of all schools in Arizona due to COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, to date there are no known cases of COVID 19 within the City of Douglas, but as Mayor of this City, I find it necessary and prudent to prepare for that eventual first and possibly second and third case scenario, to take every lawful precaution available in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of Douglas Citizens, to work constructively and cooperatively with Cochise County, the surrounding cities, the State of Arizona, the United
States of America, and all branches of government, as we prepare diligently for the worst in order to prevent the worst from ever happening; and,

WHEREAS, the Cochise County Health Department recommends following the social distancing protocols attached to this Proclamation of Emergency, including cancelling, postponing, or not attending events or community gatherings with more than 10 people. In addition, the Cochise County Health Department urges individuals who are at the highest risk from COVID-19, as determined and defined by the CDC, to not attend and to avoid community gatherings or events that will have or will likely have 10 or more people in a single room or other single confined or enclosed space, such as an auditorium, theatre, stadium (indoor or outdoor), parks, arena or event center, meeting hall, conference center, large cafeteria, restaurant, or nightclub/bar, or any other confined indoor or confined outdoor space.

WHEREAS, the undersigned Mayor has determined the crisis and threat of injury, damage and suffering to persons or property constitutes an emergency within the meaning of Article VII, Section 2(e) of the Douglas City Charter and a local emergency within the meaning of A.R.S. §26-311; and directing and permitting the City’s Administrative Department to effect closure of City Offices as may be deemed appropriate under the developing circumstances.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Douglas to be affixed this 16th day of March, 2020.

[Signature]

Robert Uribe, Mayor