GENESEE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 2020 – 0324-01

CONTINUATION OF DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Genesee Fire Protection District ("District") is a quasi-municipal corporation and political subdivision of the State of Colorado and a duly organized and existing special district pursuant to Title 32, Article 1, Colorado Revised Statutes; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to § 32-1-1001, C.R.S. and **[§ 32-1-1002, C.R.S. <u>OR</u> § 32-1-1003, C.R.S. <u>OR</u> § 32-1-1004, C.R.S. <u>OR</u> § 32-1-1005, C.R.S. <u>OR</u> § 32-1-1006, C.R.S. <u>OR</u> § 32-1-1007, C.R.S.]**, the District has all rights and powers necessary or incidental to or implied from the specific powers granted to special districts pursuant to Title 32, Article 1; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to § 24-33.5-709(1), C.R.S., the Fire Chief declared a local disaster on March 19, 2020 (the "Disaster Declaration") with respect to the national public health emergency and worldwide pandemic caused by a virus known as coronavirus disease 2019 ("COVID-19"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to § 24-33.5-709(2), C.R.S., the effect of a declaration of a local disaster emergency is to activate the response and recovery aspects of any and all applicable local and interjurisdictional disaster emergency plans and to authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance under such plans; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to § 24-33.5-709(1), C.R.S., the Disaster Declaration shall remain in effect for a period of seven (7) days unless continued or renewed in excess of such period by or with the consent of the Board of Directors of the District (the "Board"); and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the number of COVID-19 cases will continue to increase locally in the near-term, as it is highly contagious; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to continue or renew, as applicable, the Disaster Declaration; and

WHEREAS, the Board hereby finds and determines that continuation or renewal of the Disaster Declaration, as applicable, is appropriate and necessary for the function and operation of the District and for protection of the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens and visitors to the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND DECLARED by the Board of Directors of the Genesee Fire Protection District that, due to the occurrence or imminent

threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property, resulting from the presence of COVID-19 within the District, the Board does hereby declare a local disaster within the District, and continue the Disaster Declaration, as modified herein. Further, pursuant to this Resolution, the Board continues to activate, or activates in the first instance, the response and recovery aspects of the District's, and any and all applicable local and interjurisdictional, disaster emergency response and recovery plans, emergency funding and Board meeting procedures, and authorizes the furnishing of aid and assistance under such plans. The Board further resolves that:

1. Until the Disaster Declaration is terminated by the Board, the Fire Chief is authorized and directed to take the following actions, as deemed reasonably necessary:

(a) Prioritize the District's resources and efforts to protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents and visitors of the District, while ensuring the safety of District personnel;

(b) Discontinue or suspend any or all non-essential services;

(c) Implement policies and practices to minimize person-to-person contact in an effort to decrease the risk of transmission of COVID-19;

(d) Suspend or modify the provisions of any previously adopted District Resolution, Rule, Regulation, Policy or Procedure if strict compliance with the same would in any way prevent, hinder or delay necessary action to provide essential emergency services and/or ensure the safety of District personnel;

(e) Suspend any Purchasing and Procurement policy and enter into contracts and expend funds in an amount not to exceed $10,000 per month **[without additional Board approval OR with approval of the Board Chair]**. All emergency purchases shall be reported to the Board at the next regular Board meeting. To the extent possible, competitive pricing shall be sought in the reasonable discretion of the Fire Chief.

(f) Expend money from the District's emergency reserve account maintained pursuant to TABOR, Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution, as necessary;

(g) Take such personnel actions as necessary to carry out the District's priority emergency services, including but not limited to assigning personnel to work from home; temporarily reassigning District personnel; denying or revoking previously approved leave requests; requiring reasonable documentation for extended sick leave requests, including COVID-19 testing results, if appropriate; and placing on leave or in

quarantine any employee reasonably believed to have been exposed to or exhibiting symptoms consistent with COVID-19 and requiring testing prior to returning to work;

(h) Apply for and accept any available local, state or federal assistance, although no multiple fiscal year obligation may be entered into without Board approval;

(i) In consultation with the Board Chair and District legal counsel, arrange for meetings of the Board to be held via telephone, video conference, or other electronic means in a manner which as fully as possible given the emergency situation complies with the Colorado Open Meetings Law; and

(j) Take such other actions as reasonably necessary to carry out this Resolution and the Disaster Declaration and ensure the reliability of the District's emergency services, while also ensuring the safety of the District's personnel and the public.

2. **Severability**. If any part, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution is for any reason held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions.

3. **Effective Date**. This Resolution shall take effect and be enforced immediately upon its approval by the Board and shall be valid until the next regular meeting of the Board, unless earlier terminated, modified, continued or renewed by the Board.

ADOPTED this 24th day of March, 2020.

Genesee Fire Protection District

By: _____
Scott Mefford, Chairman

Attest:

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Beth Moran, Secretary

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Filed with:

Jefferson County Clerk and Recorder

Colorado Office of Emergency Management (Attn: Michael J. Willis, Director, 9195 East Mineral Ave., Suite 200, Centennial, CO 80112 Fax:720.852.6750; mike.willis@state.co.us)

RESOLUTION NO. 2020 – 0324-01 WAS CONTINUED by the Board of Directors this 15th day of April, 2020.

Genesee Fire Protection District

By: _____
Scott Mefford, Chairman

Attest:

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Beth Moran, Secretary

RESOLUTION NO. 2020 – 0324-01 WAS CONTINUED by the Board of Directors this 20th day of May, 2020.

Genesee Fire Protection District

By: _____
Scott Mefford, Chairman

Attest:

Nancy J. Batter
Nancy Batter, Secretary

RESOLUTION NO. 2020 – 0324-01 WAS CONTINUED by the Board of Directors this 17th day of June, 2020.

Genesee Fire Protection District

By: _____

Scott Mefford, Chairman

Attest:

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Nancy Balter, Secretary

RESOLUTION NO. 2020 – 0324-01 WAS CONTINUED by the Board of Directors this 15th day of July, 2020.

Genesee Fire Protection District

By: _____

Scott Mefford, Chairman

Attest:

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Nancy Balter, Secretary

RESOLUTION NO. 2020 – 0324-01 WAS TERMINATED by the Board of Directors this ____ day of _____, 2020.

Genesee Fire Protection District

By: _____

Scott Mefford, Chairman

Attest:

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Nancy Balter, Secretary