



DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

DIRECTIVE 009

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, I, Steve Sisolak, Governor of the State of Nevada issued a Declaration of Emergency to facilitate the State's response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Donald J. Trump, President of the United States declared a nationwide emergency pursuant to Sec. 501(b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5207 (the "Stafford Act"); and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) and United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have advised that there is a correlation between density of persons gathered and the risk of transmission of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, as of March 31, 2020, the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services is reporting 1,113 positive cases of COVID-19, and 17 deaths resulting from COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, close proximity to other persons is currently contraindicated by public health and medical best practices to combat COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, efforts to treat, prevent, or reduce the spread of COVID-19 may make it medically necessary and reasonable to require individuals to remain in isolation or quarantine at their homes or otherwise remain indoors; and

WHEREAS, for the reasons stated herein, courts across Nevada, in consultation with the Chief Justice of the Nevada Supreme Court, have limited their operations to essential matters during the pendency of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, certain legal actions and proceedings are subject to timelines and requirements that are impracticable during a period of a public health emergency and reduced court operations; and

WHEREAS, certain governmental and quasi-governmental licenses and permits require periodic renewal and may expire during a time when governmental resources necessary for renewal are unavailable or less accessible to the public; and

WHEREAS, NRS 414.060 outlines powers and duties delegated to the Governor during the existence of a state of emergency, including without limitation, directing and controlling the conduct of the general public and the movement and cessation of movement of pedestrians and vehicular traffic during, before and after exercises or an emergency or disaster, public meetings or gatherings; and

WHEREAS, NRS 414.070 outlines additional powers delegated to the Governor during the existence of a state of emergency, including without limitation, enforcing all laws and regulations relating to emergency management and assuming direct operational control of any or all forces, including, without limitation, volunteers and auxiliary staff for emergency management in the State; providing for and compelling the evacuation of all or part of the population from any stricken or threatened area or areas within the State and to take such steps as are necessary for the receipt and care of those persons; and performing and exercising such other functions, powers and duties as are necessary to promote and secure the safety and protection of the civilian population; and