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**IMPERIAL CITY COUNCIL
 AGENDA ITEM**

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION/ACTION: **Resolution to Cease Local State of Emergency for COVID-19**

1. Approval of Resolution No. 2023-12 Ceasing Local State of Emergency for COVID-19 and Ratification of Action Taken to Date.

DEPARTMENT INVOLVED: All Department's Involved

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

On March 4, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom issued a State of Emergency by way of Executive Order N-25-20 as it relates to COVID-19. On March 12, 2020 a revised Executive Order stating guidelines to all local and state public health officials was issued. Subsequently, the City of Imperial Declared a Local State of Emergency on March 18, 2020 by unanimously adopting Resolution 2020-09. The Resolution identified the City Manager as Director of Emergency Services and gave the authority set out in Chapter 7 of the City's Municipal Code.

During the Emergency the City facilitated four drive through graduation events in partnership with Imperial Unified School District, six high level food distribution events in partnership with Imperial Valley Food Bank and IV Fairgrounds; Implemented Ordinance(s) allowing for the outdoor dining within the City; Awarded \$93,000 in business assistance grants; Invested \$95,000 in technology to improve remote access to systems, public participation and emergency operations; Secured and administered nearly \$150,000 in Utility Assistance Programs and outdoor recreation enhancements.

Attached for the City Councils review and adoption you'll find Resolution No. 2023-12 Declaring an end to the State of Emergency related to COVID-19.

FISCAL IMPACT: *In response to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the following monies were spent as direct costs to administer emergency protective measures. These costs have been submitted to FEMA are currently under PME Review.*

- Personal Protective Equipment - \$27,278.73
- Facility Management - \$64,019.42
- Dissemination of Information - \$15,468.15
- Staff (OT) Costs - \$333,972.79
- Disinfection of City Facilities - \$29,045.69
- Total Response Costs Submitted to FEMA - \$469,784.78

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION: It is staff's recommendation to cease the State of Local Emergency by adoption of Resolution NO. 2023-12

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MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

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MOTION:

SECONDED:

AYES:

NAYES:

ABSENT:

APPROVED ()

DISAPPROVED ()

REFERRED TO:

REJECTED ()

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF IMPERIAL CITY COUNCIL TERMINATING
THE DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY RELATED TO THE NOVEL
CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 8630 and Chapter 7 of the City of Imperial Municipal Code empowers the City Council to proclaim the existence of a local emergency to protect and preserve the public welfare when the City is affected or likely to be affected by a threat; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020 the Imperial City Council found that then current and confirmed cases of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) internationally, including California, prompted the Governor by way of Executive Order to Declare that a public emergency exists; and

WHEREAS, the local, state and federal public health officials announced that community spread of COVID-19 is likely to occur in the United States, and further found that ongoing risk and probability of COVID-19 positive patients being identified in the Imperial County; and

WHEREAS, the Imperial City Council also found that COVID-19 is an infectious and communicable disease, which can create a condition of extreme peril to health and safety of persons within the City, which was beyond the ability and resources of the City to control; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, the Imperial City Council adopted Resolution No. 2020-09 proclaiming the existence of a local emergency based on COVID-19 and authorized all powers associated therewith including, but not limited to, the powers granted the Director of Emergency Services under the California Emergency Services Act and Chapter 7-5 of the City of Imperial Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, following that Declaration, the City took extraordinary measures to protect the public health safety of its residents and support local businesses, including authorization of outdoor dining and other outdoor activities, obtaining grant funds from local, state and federal governments to provide utility grants to residents; and

WHEREAS, over two years later, the threat of COVID-19 still exists but, in light of advances in medicine and the availability of resources, the need for the City to exercise extraordinary local powers has reduced; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 8630(d), the Imperial City Council should proclaim the termination of the local emergency at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE IMPERIAL CITY COUNCIL HEREBY RESOLVES:

1. The above-referenced recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein.
2. The Imperial City Council finds that conditions warrant the termination of the Declaration of Emergency.

3. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 8630, the City Council hereby terminates the proclamation of local emergency declared on March 18, 2020, by Resolution 2020-09.
4. The City of Imperial City Clerk shall certify the passage of this Resolution, and that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council.
5. The City Manager shall forward a copy of this Resolution to the Imperial County Operational Area.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED at a Regular Meeting of the Imperial City Council on this 19th Day of April 2023.

Katherine Burnworth, Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk