PROCLAMATION BY THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES OF THE CITY OF
LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE, CALIFORNIA, PROCLAIMING THE EXISTENCE OF A
LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Chapter 2.16 of the City of La Cañada Flintridge Municipal Code empowers
the Director of Emergency Services, to proclaim the existence or threaten existence of a local
emergency when the City is affected or likely to be affected by a disaster or public calamity and
the City Council is not in session; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 2.16 of the City of La Cañada Flintridge Municipal Code designates
the City Manager as the Director of Emergency Services; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 2.16 of the City of La Cañada Flintridge Municipal Code defines
“emergency” as “the actual threatened existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to
the safety of persons and property within the city caused by such conditions including, but not
limited to, fire, brush fire, earthquake, flood, windstorm, rain storm, tornado, hurricane, riot,
terrorist attack, drought, energy shortage, hazardous materials release, air pollution, epidemic, or
other conditions posing a wide-scale threat to persons or property including conditions resulting
from war or imminent threat of war, but other than conditions resulting from a labor controversy,
which conditions are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment,
and/or facilities of this city, requiring the combined forces of other political subdivisions to
combat”; and

WHEREAS, The Director of Emergency Services of the City of La Cañada Flintridge
does hereby find:

A. The Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), a severe acute respiratory illness
caused by a novel (new) coronavirus was first detected in Wuhan, Hubei
Province, People’s Republic of China (China) and the first case was reported on
December 31, 2019, in China. Symptoms of the virus include fever, cough, and
shortness of breath, and infected individuals have experienced a range of
outcomes, from mild sickness to severe illness and death; and

B. On March 04, 2020, the State of California declared a State of Emergency to exist
in California as a result of the threat of COVID-19; and

C. The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the Department of Public
Health declared a local and public health emergency on March 04, 2020 in
response to the increased spread of COVID-19 across the country and Los
Angeles County; and

D. On March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization (WHO) characterized
COVID-19 as a world-wide pandemic; and

E. As proclaimed by the Governor on March 12, 2020, despite sustained efforts, the
virus remains a threat, and further efforts to control the spread of the virus to
reduce and minimize the risk of infection are needed;
F. On March 13, 2020 the President of the United States declared a national emergency in response to COVID-19; and

G. On March 16, 2020 the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health issued an order prohibiting group events and gatherings of over 50 persons or more, requiring social distancing measures and closure of certain business; and

H. On March 19, 2020 the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health issued an order temporarily prohibiting events and gatherings of 10 persons or more and the closure of non-essential businesses; and

I. On March 19, 2020 the Governor issued an order to all individuals living in the State of California to stay at home or their place of residence for the duration of the State of Emergency; and

J. On March 21, 2020 the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health issued an order prohibiting all indoor and outdoor public and private events and gatherings, and the closure of non-essential businesses; and

K. The City’s ability to mobilize local resources, coordinate interagency response, accelerate procurement of vital supplies, use mutual aid, and seek future reimbursement by the State and Federal governments will be critical to successfully responding to COVID-19; and

L. That the City Council of the City of La Cañada Flintridge is not in session (and cannot immediately be called into session); and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that, pursuant to state law, City of La Canada Flintridge Municipal Code Chapter 2.16, ordinances and resolutions of the City of La Canada Flintridge, a local emergency now exists throughout the City; and

SECTION 1. It is hereby proclaimed that during the existence of said local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of this City shall be those prescribed by state law, by City of La Canada Flintridge Municipal Code Chapter 2.16, ordinances and resolutions of the City of La Canada Flintridge.

SECTION 2. It is hereby proclaimed pursuant to City of La Canada Flintridge Municipal Code Chapter 2.16, the Director of Emergency Services is empowered to take all acts pursuant thereto to protect life and property.

SECTION 3. It is hereby proclaimed that this proclamation shall expire in seven days after issuance unless confirmed and ratified by the La Canada Flintridge City Council.
SECTION 4. It is hereby proclaimed that a copy of this proclamation be forwarded to the Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management to be forwarded to the Director of California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services requesting that the Director find it acceptable in accordance with State law; that the Governor of California, pursuant to the Emergency Services Act, issue a proclamation declaring an emergency in the City of La Canada Flintridge under Los Angeles County; that the Governor waive regulations that may hinder response and recovery efforts; that response and recovery assistance be made available under the California Disaster Assistance Act; and that the State expedite access to State and Federal resources and any other appropriate Federal disaster relief programs.


Mark R. Alexander, City Manager
Director of Emergency Services
CITY OF LA CAÑADA FLINTRIDGE

RESOLUTION NO. 20-04


WHEREAS, Section 2.16.060 of the Municipal Code of the City of La Canada Flintridge empowers the City Manager/Director Emergency Services to proclaim the existence of a local emergency as defined by Government Code § 8558(c) when the City Council is not in session, subject to ratification by the City Council within seven days; and

WHEREAS, conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within this City and Los Angeles County, caused by the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), at which time the City Council was not in session; and

WHEREAS, the City Council does hereby find that the above described conditions of extreme peril did warrant and necessitate the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager/Director of Emergency Services did proclaim the existence of a local emergency within this City on March 25, 2020; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that, during periods of locally declared disaster:

1) The Proclamation of Existence of a Local Emergency, as issued by the City Manager/Director of Emergency Services, is hereby ratified pursuant to La Canada Flintridge Municipal Code Section 2.16.060; and

2) The local emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until either its termination is proclaimed by the City Council; or following sixty (60) days without action by the City Council continuing the local emergency; and

3) During the existence of this local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of the City of La Canada Flintridge shall be those prescribed by state law, by ordinances, resolutions and approved emergency plans of the City of La Canada Flintridge; and

4) A copy of this proclamation shall be forwarded to the Director of California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services requesting that the Director find it acceptable in accordance with State law; that the Governor of California, pursuant to the Emergency Services Act; issue a proclamation declaring an emergency in Los Angeles County; that the Governor waive regulations that may hinder response and recovery efforts; that recovery assistance be made
available under the California Disaster Assistance Act; and that the State expedite access to State and Federal resources and any other appropriate federal disaster relief programs.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 31st day of March 2020.

Leonard Pieroni, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tania Moreno, City Clerk
I, Tania Moreno, City Clerk of the City of La Cañada Flintridge, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 20-04 was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of La Cañada Flintridge at a Special Meeting held on the 31st of March 2020 by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: CURTIS, DAVITT, WALKER, BROWN AND PIERONI
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: NONE
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: NONE
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: NONE

Dated: March 31, 2020

Tania Moreno, City Clerk