BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE
COUNTY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO
RESOLUTION NO. 2020-_____

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A COVID-19 ECONOMIC RECOVERY FUND

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the Governor of Colorado declared a "Disaster Emergency Due to the Presence of Coronavirus Disease 2019 in Colorado[;]" and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Gunnison County declared a Local Disaster Emergency related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Gunnison County, Colorado ("Board") has extended this Local Disaster Emergency pursuant to Resolutions duly adopted by the Board; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency with respect to the COVID-19 virus; and

WHEREAS, the public health crisis created by COVID-19 has resulted in significant loss of income for residents and businesses of Gunnison County; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes the need to offer economic support to residents and businesses of Gunnison County that are affected by this unprecedented public health crisis; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to set aside money for the purpose of supporting the emergency needs of the residents and businesses of Gunnison County affected by this public health crisis; and

WHEREAS, CRS § 30-11-101 authorizes Gunnison County "[t]o sell, convey, or exchange any real or personal property owned by the county and make such order respecting the same as may be deemed conducive to the interests of the inhabitants[;]" and

WHEREAS, CRS § 30-11-107(1)(a) and (e) provide that "[t]he board of county commissioners of each county has power at any meeting: . . . To make such orders concerning the property belonging to the county as it deems expedient. . . . [and] [t]o represent the county and have the care of the county property and the management of the business and concerns of the county in all cases where no other provisions are made by law[;]" and

WHEREAS, CRS § 30-11-107(2) (a) grants to the Board of County Commissioners of Gunnison County the "exclusive power" to adopt the annual budget "for the operation of the county government[;]" and

WHEREAS, CRS § 29-1-112 provides that “in the case of an emergency and the passage of an ordinance or resolution authorizing additional expenditures in excess of the appropriation (as originally provided for) and if there is money available for such excess expenditure in some other fund or spending agency . . . the governing body shall transfer the available money from such fund to the fund from which the excess expenditures are to be paid[;]”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board that a committed fund balance account in the amount of Six-Hundred and Fifteen Thousand Dollars and No/100 ($ 615,000.00) is immediately created for a COVID-19 Economic Recovery Fund. Interest accruing on such a committed balance account in the Gunnison County General Fund shall be added to the principal of such account. The sources of the funds for the COVID-19 Economic Recovery Fund shall be allocated from the Gunnison County existing budget.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that this fund may be used for programs associated with the economic recovery fund including but not limited to a COVID-19 business emergency loan program, emergency assistance for food, housing, medical and utilities for residents, and matching funds for state, federal and independent grants targeted at economic recovery for the employers and employees of Gunnison County, to the maximum extent permitted by law.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the COVID-19 business emergency loan program shall be designed and administered to support local businesses with immediate emergency funds in situations where other means of accessing capital are not reasonably possible.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board will commit to seeking state, federal and independent funding mechanisms to further aid the economic recovery for Gunnison County businesses, employers and employees. These types of funds will be used to match other funding sources and to provide direct economic support for employers and employees of businesses in Gunnison County.

INTRODUCED by Commissioner _____, seconded by Commissioner _____, and passed on this ___ day of April, 2020.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
THE COUNTY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO

By _____
Jonathan Houck, Chairperson

By _____
John Messner, Commissioner

By _____
Roland Mason, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Deputy County Clerk