



## DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY DIRECTIVE 007

**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(6) 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 and United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have advised that there is a correlation between density of persons gathered and the risk of transmission of 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**, recreational social gatherings unnecessarily extend periods of interpersonal contact and promulgates spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the rate of community spread of COVID-19 can only be reduced by minimizing contact between infected persons and non-infected persons; and

**WHEREAS**, public health experts and epidemiologists indicate that COVID-19 may spread from infected persons to non-infected persons prior to the expression of symptoms in the infected person; and

**WHEREAS**, immediate containment of the spread of COVID-19 is vital to protect the Health and Safety of the Nevada public:

**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

**WHEREAS**, NRS 414.090 limits the powers of political subdivisions in the event of an emergency, and provides that counties shall, and cities may, in pertinent part establish local organizations for emergency management in accordance with the state emergency management plan and program for emergency management; enter into contracts and incur obligations necessary to combat such an emergency or disaster, protect the health and safety of persons and property and provide emergency assistance to the victims of such an emergency or disaster; and exercise the powers vested under NRS 414.090 in the light of the exigencies of the extreme emergency or disaster without regard to time-consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law, except constitutional requirements, pertaining to the performance of public work, entering into contracts, the incurring of obligations, the employment of temporary workers, the rental of equipment, the purchase of supplies and materials, the levying of taxes, and the appropriation and expenditure of public funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the Nevada Attorney General opined in Opinion Number 57-336 that "[t]here can be no question but that the Legislature intended to give to the Governor the broadest possible powers consistent with constitutional government in a time of dire emergency;" and

**WHEREAS**, Article 5, Section 1 of the Nevada Constitution provides: "The supreme executive power of this State, shall be vested in a Chief Magistrate who shall be Governor of the State of Nevada":

**NOW THEREFORE**, by the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Nevada and the United States, and pursuant to the March 12, 2020, Emergency Declaration,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

SECTION 1: The Nevada general public shall not gather in groups of ten or more in any indoor or outdoor area, whether publicly owned or privately owned where the public has access by right or invitation, express or implied, whether by payment of money or not, including without limitation, parks, basketball courts, volleyball courts, baseball fields, football fields, rivers, lakes, beaches, streets, convention centers, libraries, parking lots, and private clubs. This provision shall not be construed to apply to the gathering of persons living within the same household, or persons working at or patronizing Essential Licensed Businesses or providing essential services to the public.

SECTION 2: With the exception of persons residing in the same household, the Nevada general public shall, to the extent practicable, abide by social distancing practices by maintaining a minimum six-foot distance between persons in public spaces, whether privately or publicly owned.

SECTION 3: Local governments shall limit the Nevada general public's use of recreational equipment, including without limitation, playground equipment, basketball courts, volleyball courts, baseball fields, beaches, or football fields, in a manner that causes the congregation of ten or more persons in a manner contrary to best COVID-19 disease mitigation social distancing practices.

SECTION 4: The provisions of Section 1 of this Directive shall not be enforced against homeless persons.

SECTION 5: Any person who does not comply with Section 1 of this Directive, after receiving notice from law enforcement, may be subject to criminal prosecution and civil penalties under NRS 199.280, NRS 202.450, and another other applicable statute, regulation, or ordinance. All law enforcement agencies in the State of Nevada are authorized to enforce this Directive. The Office of the Attorney General is given concurrent jurisdiction to prosecute violations of this Directive.

SECTION 6: Pursuant to NRS 414.060(3)(£), I hereby authorize all local, city, and county governments to enforce this Directive under any applicable law of said local, city, or county government.

SECTION 7: This Directive shall remain in effect until April 16, 2020, unless renewed by a subsequent Directive promulgated pursuant to the March 12, 2020 Declaration of Emergency to facilitate the State's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed at the State Capitol in Carson City, this 24th day of March, in the year two thousand twenty.



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Governor of the State of Nevada

*Barbara K. Cegavske*  
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Secretary of State

*Scott K. Anderson*  
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