



## DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

**WHEREAS**, Nevada Revised Statute 414.070 authorizes the Governor to issue a proclamation declaring a state of emergency when a natural disaster of major proportions has occurred within this state, and the assistance of state agencies is needed to supplement the efforts and capabilities of political subdivisions to save lives, protect property, and protect the health and safety of persons in this state; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 15, 2020, the State of Nevada experienced a magnitude 6.5 earthquake, the largest earthquake in the State of Nevada in over six decades; and

**WHEREAS**, the earthquake caused extensive damage to transportation routes, including Federal aid highways, throughout the counties of Esmeralda, Mineral, and Nye; and

**WHEREAS**, United States Highway 95 (US 95) sustained approximately three (3) miles of road damage between Esmeralda County (ES) mileposts 88 to 90, at milepost ES 95, and at Mineral County (MI) milepost 2, resulting in the closure of US 95; United States Route 6 sustained road damage within approximately twenty-two (22) miles between mileposts ES 0 to 18 and MI 12 to 16; and Nevada State Route 360 sustained road damage within approximately twenty-three (23) miles between mileposts MI 0 to 23; and

**WHEREAS**, United States Highway 95, United States Route 6, and Nevada State Route 360 all suffered damages with repair estimates expected to exceed \$700,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the condition of damaged transportation routes constitutes an emergency, as is contemplated by the terms of Sections 125 and 120(e) of Title 23, U.S.C.; and

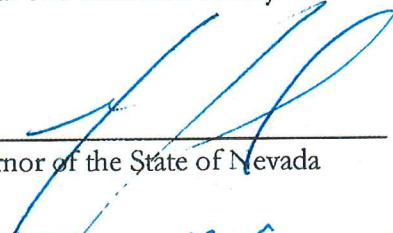
**WHEREAS**, the counties of Esmeralda, Mineral, and Nye, require the assistance of the Nevada Department of Transportation to repair and reconstruct transportation routes damaged by the earthquake; and

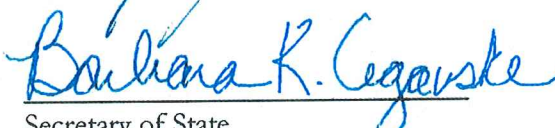
**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Steve Sisolak, Governor of the State of Nevada, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Nevada, hereby declare a state of emergency due to the May 15, 2020, earthquake, and the consequent damage to transportation routes within the


State of Nevada. The immediate repair and reconstruction of the damaged highways is vital to the security, well-being, and safety of the citizens of the State of Nevada.



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 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, in the year two thousand twenty.

  
Governor of the State of Nevada

  
Secretary of State

  
Deputy Secretary of State