

**SALT LAKE COUNTY
RESOLUTION**

**EXTENSION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY
DECLARED BY THE SALT LAKE COUNTY MAYOR
AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE
SALT LAKE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
COVID-19 PANDEMIC OF 2020**

RESOLUTION NO. _____

August 18, 2020

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF SALT LAKE COUNTY,

BE IT KNOWN AND REMEMBERED:

THAT, the County Council of Salt Lake County, State of Utah, met in regular session of the Council on the 18th day of August 2020.

WITNESS:

WHEREAS, a pandemic of the COVID-19 Virus (“COVID-19”) swept the world in the first half of 2020 and necessitated declarations of emergency by the President of the United States and the Governor of the State of Utah; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Utah Code Annotated, Sections 53-2a-205 and -208, the Mayor of Salt Lake County has the power to declare a state of emergency for Salt Lake County; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.86.030, Salt Lake County Code of Ordinances, 2001, authorizes the Mayor to declare that a state of emergency exists in Salt Lake County and to invoke certain powers in aid of responding to and mitigating such emergency; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.86.050.E, Salt Lake County Code of Ordinances, 2001, authorizes the Mayor in the event of a public health emergency and at the request of the Executive Director of the Salt Lake County Health Department (“the Director”) to declare an emergency to prevent or contain the outbreak and spread of a communicable or infectious disease; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor issued a Proclamation Declaring a State of Emergency and Invoking Emergency Powers in Salt Lake County based upon the imminent danger created by the threat of COVID-19 on March 6, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake County experienced an outbreak of COVID-19, which has impacted the citizens of Salt Lake County's municipalities, metro townships, and unincorporated areas of Salt Lake County; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has caused the Salt Lake County Health Department to quarantine individuals and to take other steps within its authority to mitigate the potential spread of the disease; and

WHEREAS, the Salt Lake County Health Department discovered evidence of community transmission of COVID-19 within Salt Lake County; and

WHEREAS, the Director requested the Mayor declare a public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, these conditions have created a "Public Health State of Emergency" according to the laws of the State of Utah and ordinances of Salt Lake County; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Mayor issued an order stating that a Public Health State of Emergency exists for Salt Lake County due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Director has issued subsequent Public Health Orders related to the Public Health Emergency; and

WHEREAS, State law and County Ordinance permit the Mayor's declaration of a public health emergency to be effective for a period not to exceed 30 days, unless the emergency declaration is continued or renewed with the consent of the County Council; and,

WHEREAS, the County Council continued the Mayor's declaration of an emergency on April 7, 2020 until Midnight on Monday, July 6, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, the County Council subsequently continued the Mayor's declaration of an emergency on June 16, 2020 until Midnight on Thursday, August 20, 2020.

RESOLUTION:

NOW, THEREFORE, THE FOLLOWING IS RESOLVED:

1. The County Council of Salt Lake County hereby finds that a Public Health State of Emergency continues to exist in and for Salt Lake County due to COVID-19.
2. The Council acknowledges and supports the invoking of the emergency powers and operations of the County by the Mayor.
3. The Council supports the County's utilization of its personnel and resources, as ordered and authorized by the Mayor, to perform all functions specified in County Ordinance 2.86.050 and in other applicable provisions of law.
4. The Council supports and approves all orders and regulations issued thus far by the Mayor and the Director regarding the state of emergency, copies of which have been duly filed with the Salt Lake County Clerk and previously disseminated to the Council.
5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately and be declared to be ongoing and continuing until Midnight on September 22, 2020, unless the facts supporting the Public Health State of Emergency no longer exist as determined by the Mayor and Director.
6. This Resolution shall be provided to the State of Utah, the Mayor, and the Director and shall be filed immediately with the Salt Lake County Clerk and published by general dissemination as appropriate.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED in Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County, Utah this 18th day of August 2020.

By: _____
MAX BURDICK, Council Chair

ATTEST:

Sherri Swensen
Salt Lake County Clerk

Council Member Bradley voting	_____
Council Member Bradshaw voting	_____
Council Member Burdick voting	_____
Council Member DeBry voting	_____
Council Member Ghorbani	_____
Council Member Granato voting	_____
Council Member Jensen voting	_____
Council Member Snelgrove voting	_____
Council Member Winder-Newton voting	_____

Approved as to form and legality:

Bridget K. Romano

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Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office