

1 **WHEREAS**, the State of California, the County of Alameda, and the City of Albany are
2 reporting exposure of residents to COVID-19, an infectious virus that has resulted in the illness
3 and death of several residents throughout California; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the City of Albany public safety-first responders have encountered situations
5 where they have come into direct exposure to residents who have displayed symptoms consistent
6 with COVID-19; and

7 **WHEREAS**, advanced personal protective measures are required to protect the health and
8 safety of our first responders, however, these personal protective measures require complex actions
9 involving extensive personnel, time, resources, and equipment to properly perform them and
10 prepare the personnel and resources for future use, thus removing these personnel and resources
11 from service during this process; and

12 **WHEREAS**, State Public Health officials have warned that it is expected that the number
13 of residents becoming ill from COVID-19 will increase, causing the amount of these City of
14 Albany first responder exposure events to also increase; and

15 **WHEREAS**, it is expected that increased exposure of City of Albany first responders will
16 cause additional demands on limited staffing, resources, and equipment, thus taxing the available
17 resources of the City of Albany beyond our ability to maintain the required lifesaving services
18 without additional assistance; and

19 **WHEREAS**, demand for public safety personnel and resources are expected to increase
20 beyond the capabilities of the City of Albany personnel, resources, equipment, and facilities; and

21 **WHEREAS**, this Proclamation of Local Emergency provides the Albany City Council
22 with legal authority to:

- 23 • Promulgate or suspend orders and regulations necessary to provide for the protection
24 of life and property, including issuing orders or regulations imposing a curfew within
25 designated boundaries;
- Exercise full power to provide mutual aid to any affected area in accordance with local
 ordinances, resolutions, emergency plans, or agreements;

- 1 • Request state agencies and other jurisdictions to provide mutual aid;
2 • Require the emergency services of any local official or employee;
3 • Requisition necessary personnel and materials from any local department or agency;
4 and/or
5 • Obtain vital supplies and equipment and, if required, immediately commandeer the
6 same for public use.

7 **NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED** that the Albany City Council
8 does hereby find that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen
9 within said City; caused by a public health emergency; and

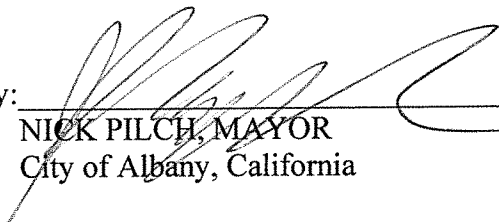
10 **BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED** that the Albany City Council shall review the need
11 for continuing the local emergency at least once every 60 days until the Albany City Council
12 terminates the local emergency and shall proclaim the termination of the local emergency at the
13 earliest possible date that conditions warrant; and

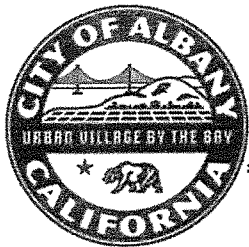
14 **BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED** that a local emergency now exists throughout the
15 City of Albany, AND ORDERED that during the existence of said local emergency, the powers,
16 functions, and duties of the emergency organization of this City shall be those prescribed by state
17 law, the Charter, ordinances, and resolutions of this City; and

18 **BE IT FURTHER ORDERED** that all officers and employees of the City of Albany take
19 all steps requested by the Director of Emergency Services to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and
20 to prevent or alleviate illness or death due to the virus; and

21 **BE IT FURTHER ORDERED** that all officers and employees of the City of Albany take
22 all steps requested by the Director of Emergency Services to qualify the City for reimbursement
23 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and for other state and federal relief as may be
24 available to reimburse the City of Albany for the expenses it incurs in addressing this emergency.

25 Date: 3/16/2020

By: 
NICK PILCH, MAYOR
City of Albany, California



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RESOLUTION NO. 2020-29

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY,

The 16th day of March, 2020 by the following votes:

AYES: Council Members Barnes, McQuaid, Nason, and Mayor Pilch

NOES: None

ABSENT: Council Member Maass

ABSTAINED: none

RECUSED: none

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY, this

17th day of March, 2020.

Eileen Harrington

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DEPUTY CITY CLERK