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MODOC COUNTY PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY BY THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES, SHERIFF TEX DOWDY

WHEREAS, Modoc County Code Section 2.40.060 authorizes the Modoc County Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence of a "Local Emergency" when the Board of Supervisors is not in session when the County of Modoc is threatened by conditions of disaster or extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the County that are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the County, and the Board of Supervisors is not in session; and,

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services finds:

1. That at the time of this proclamation the Board of Supervisors is not in session; and,
2. Conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within the County of Modoc due to the following:
 - i. A novel coronavirus (named "2019-nCoV") was first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China, in December 2019. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) considers the virus to be a very serious public health threat, based on current information. In part, the virus is considered a serious public health threat because much is unknown. The exact modes of transmission, the factors facilitating human-to-human transmission, the extent of asymptomatic viral shedding, the groups most at risk of serious illness, the attack rate, and the case fatality rate all remain active areas of investigation. The CDC believes at this time that symptoms appear two to fourteen days after exposure. Currently, there is no vaccine or specific antiviral treatment for 2019-nCoV.
 - ii. The number of reported cases of 2019-nCoV and number of reported deaths from 2019-nCoV has escalated dramatically over a short period of time. To date, there are more than one hundred twenty-thousand (120,000) confirmed cases of 2019-nCoV and over four thousand (4,000) deaths from 2019-nCoV worldwide. Cases of 2019-nCoV, though concentrated in China, have been reported in more than one hundred and fourteen (114) countries, and include individuals who never visited China. Transmission from an asymptomatic individual has been documented. Community transmission of 2019-nCoV has been documented in patients in the United States with no known history of travel to a location with confirmed 2019-nCoV cases, and no known contact with a person with a confirmed 2019-nCoV case. The World Health Organization (WHO) has declared the outbreak to be a global health pandemic. The United States Health and Human Services Agency has declared a