

## LOCAL DECLARATION NO. 2020-10

### Regarding the Operation of the Washington County Clerk-Auditor's Office During the COVID-19 Crisis

WHEREAS, Washington County in conjunction with Southwest Utah Public Health Department is responding to a worldwide crisis caused by the ongoing outbreak of respiratory illness caused by a new coronavirus (COVID-19) that was first detected in China in December 2019 and continues to expand in a growing number of countries, including the United States, and is now present in the state of Utah;

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2020, Governor Gary R. Herbert issued an Executive Order declaring a state of emergency due to novel coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19);

WHEREAS, the Governor's Executive Order recognizes the need for state and local authorities, and the private sector to cooperate to slow the spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization characterized the COVID-19 outbreak as a pandemic;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald J. Trump declared a national state of emergency based on the continuing spread of COVID-19;


WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, President Trump and the White House Coronavirus Task Force issued guidelines to help protect Americans during the global COVID-19 outbreak;

WHEREAS, other states and counties have taken actions in response to the crisis that severely limit the opportunity for their area residents to receive basic public services and those residents are now coming to Washington County for these services;

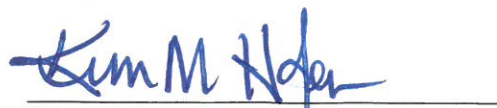
WHEREAS, an influx of out-of-area residents to the Washington County Clerk's Office for marriage license and passports exposes Washington County employees to an increased risk of COVID-19 infection;

THEREFORE, BE IT DECLARED by the chair of the Washington County Commission, Washington County remains open but encourages residents to conduct as much County business as possible through available electronic means and should visit the County website to see online resources made available.

BE IT FURTHER DECLARED by the chair of the Washington County Commission on March 19, 2020, that the Washington County Clerk-Auditor's Office will only issue marriage licenses or process passport applications if at least one of the applicants for marriage license or passport are either current residents of Washington County or own property in Washington County. No more than 7 people will be allowed into the Clerk-Auditor's Office at one time and only those directly filling out the paperwork should occupy the office. All others are required to wait outside.

  
Victor Iverson, Chair  
Washington County Commission

Attest:

  
Kim Hafen  
Washington County Clerk-Auditor