

/s/ David Pereda  
Office of the City Attorney's Office

**EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND**

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR/DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER  
DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, California Government Code Sections 8550, et seq., and Oakland Municipal Code Section 8.50.050 empower the City Administrator to proclaim the existence of a local emergency, subject to ratification by City Council, in the case of an emergency threatening the safety of persons and property within the City; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 25, 2020, police officers in Minneapolis, Minnesota forcibly arrested an unarmed African American Minneapolis resident named George Floyd. The officers placed Mr. Floyd prone on the ground, handcuffed him, and a police officer then pressed his knee against Mr. Floyd's neck for more than eight minutes while Mr. Floyd repeatedly stated that he could not breathe. After about six minutes in this position, Mr. Floyd became unresponsive, and was declared deceased after paramedics arrived. This incident was captured on a video that was widely disseminated and caused outrage across the country and around the world. Our City leaders, like many others who saw this footage, are deeply disturbed by what they saw and condemn the officers' actions in the strongest terms; and

**WHEREAS**, the day after Mr. Floyd's death, protestors began to assemble in Minneapolis, demanding that the officers involved be criminally charged. The protests in Minneapolis continued over the course of the next several days. During the protests, confrontations occurred with law enforcement, and looting, vandalism, and arson of businesses and government buildings also occurred. Protests have spread to many other cities in the United States, including Los Angeles, San Jose, San Francisco, Oakland, and others; and

**WHEREAS**, the City understands and fully supports the right of the people under the First Amendment to assemble and protest this injustice that Mr. Floyd and many others have experienced throughout the years; and

**WHEREAS**, the City's leaders are committed to engaging the Department of Violence Prevention, the Department of Race & Equity, and the Department of Transportation to implement strategies to keep the peace and to ensure holistic safety; and

**WHEREAS**, the City is committed to continue working with community leaders to pursue alternative violence reduction strategies; and

**WHEREAS**, as a City with a long and proud tradition of peaceful protest, Oakland has resisted using tools that have been historically used to oppress, such as curfews; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has made its best efforts to facilitate safe spaces for its residents and visitors to express their justified outrage; and

**WHEREAS**, during the May 29, 2020 protests in Oakland, civil unrest occurred, with some people blocking streets; shutting down the Bay Bridge; throwing fireworks, Molotov cocktails, bottles, and rocks at police officers; and setting fire to and looting various businesses. Violent incidents increased in Oakland, one of which resulted in the death of a contract security officer for the Department of Homeland Security Federal Protective Service (FPS). The federal officer died from gunshot wounds sustained after shots were fired by an unidentified subject in a vehicle. A second federal officer was critically injured as the result of the same shooting; and

**WHEREAS**, during the May 30, 2020 protests in Oakland, dangerous incidents of civil unrest occurred, with some people throwing bricks, bottles, and rocks at police officers, setting vehicles on fire, and looting various businesses in Oakland and adjacent City of Emeryville. As police attempted to arrest people for criminal violations in the immediate vicinity of the looting, shots were fired in the proximity of police officers. Police arrested a shooting suspect and recovered a firearm. During the unrest in Oakland, an unidentified driver hit two pedestrians with a car and fled the scene, seriously injuring one of the victims; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 30, 2020, protests in San Francisco began peacefully but later in the evening looters broke into the Westfield Centre and other retail businesses in the Union Square area, and several fires were set across San Francisco, including at stores on Market Street; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 30, 2020, Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti declared a local state of emergency and issued a curfew order; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 31, 2020, Bay Area cities including San Francisco, San Jose, San Leandro, Danville, Pleasant Hill, and Walnut Creek imposed mandatory curfews; and

**WHEREAS**, during the afternoon and evening of May 31, 2020, many people in Oakland protested peacefully and lawfully, but some people began looting businesses in and around the City by early evening. Later in the night and into the early morning hours of June 1, 2020, before the issuance of the declaration of local emergency, a significant number of people engaged in criminal behavior throughout the City, including shootings and other violence, vandalism, and massive looting of businesses. Throughout the night and early morning hours, officers received hundreds of calls, at one point resulting in 574 outstanding service calls, 100 of which were priority calls. Protecting the safety and First Amendment rights of the large numbers of demonstrators downtown—while simultaneously responding to the huge number of calls for officers to respond to reports of violence and looting—strained police resources. In addition, officers from outside of the City who had been assisting Oakland pursuant to mutual aid agreements left Oakland to fight violent crime and looting in their jurisdictions; and

**WHEREAS**, protests are anticipated to continue in Oakland on the afternoon of June 1, 2020, and will likely continue in Oakland and throughout the Bay Area for at least the next several days. In light of the potential for continued civil unrest and violence by some people, it is necessary to take steps to ensure the City is adequately prepared to protect its residents and businesses from further peril; and

**WHEREAS**, conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen and are expected to continue for at least the next several days; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Administrator does hereby proclaim that the aforesaid conditions of extreme peril warrant and necessitate the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency,

**Now, Therefore**, based on the foregoing, I, Edward D. Reiskin, City Administrator/Director of the Emergency Operations Center of the City of Oakland, in accordance with the authority vested in me pursuant to Oakland's Emergency Services Act, Oakland Municipal Code Chapter 8.50, specifically section 8.50.050.C.5.a, proclaim the existence, effective immediately on June 1, 2020, of an emergency within the City threatening the lives, property, and welfare of those within the City; and, be it

**RESOLVED**, that as the City Administrator for the City of Oakland, in my capacity as Director of Emergency Services, I proclaim the existence, effective immediately on June 1, 2020, of an emergency within the City threatening the lives, property, and welfare of those within the City; and, be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**: That all City officers and employees shall take all steps requested by the Chief of Police to address the emergency and to prevent or end violations of any curfew orders issued by the City Administrator under this emergency declaration; and, be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**: That all City officers and employees shall take all steps requested by the Chief of Police to qualify the City for reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and for other state and federal relief as may be available to reimburse the City for the expenses it incurs in addressing this emergency; and, be it

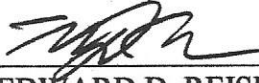
**FURTHER RESOLVED**: That because of the extreme peril to its residents and visitors, the Governor of the State of California is hereby requested to include the City in any emergency declaration by the State, and is further requested to ensure that the City is included in any emergency declaration that may be issued by the President of the United States; and, be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**: That this Emergency Order issued during the Local Emergency shall receive widespread publicity and notice; and, be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**: That this regulation shall remain in effect until such time as it is terminated by the Director of Emergency Services or the City Council of the City of Oakland.

**I FURTHER DIRECT** that as soon as hereafter possible, this Order shall be filed in the Office of the City Clerk, posted on the City of Oakland website, and that widespread publicity and notice of this Order shall be provided to the public.

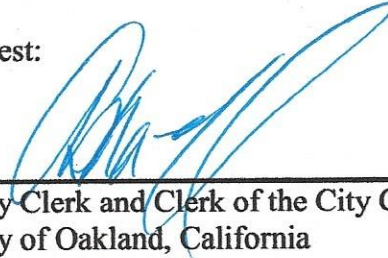
IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my  
hand this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2020



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EDWARD D. REISKIN  
City Administrator/Director of Emergency Services,  
City of Oakland, California

Attest:



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City Clerk and Clerk of the City Council  
City of Oakland, California

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