

RESOLUTION NUMBER 05-21-03

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF DOLORES
STATE OF COLORADO**

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING A LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY DUE TO
SEVERE DROUGHT**

At a regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Dolores County, Dove Creek, Colorado, held and convened on May 27, 2021, with the following persons present:

Commissioners present: Steve Garchar, Floyd Cook (Chair) and Julie R. Kibel
Commissioners absent: None
County Attorney: Dennis Golbricht
Deputy Clerk to the BOCC: Jody Gardner

IT WAS RESOLVED:

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) has received credible ongoing information regarding the extreme drought conditions facing Dolores County presently and anticipated to continue; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act, C.R.S. § 24-33.5-701, *et seq.*, provides procedures for statewide and local prevention of, preparation for, response to, and recovery from disasters; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-703(3), a "disaster" is defined as "the occurrence or imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from any natural cause or cause of human origin, including but not limited to fire, flood, earthquake, wind, storm, wave action, hazardous substance incident, oil spill or other water contamination requiring emergency action to avert danger or damage, volcanic activity, epidemic, air pollution, blight, drought, infestation, explosion, civil disturbance, or hostile military or paramilitary action, or a condition of riot, insurrection, or invasion"; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709, a local disaster may be declared, "only by the principal executive officer of a political subdivision"; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. §§ 30-10-307 and 308, the Chairperson of the BOCC is the principal executive officer of Dolores County; and

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WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709(1), the declaration of a local disaster "shall not be continued or renewed for a period in excess of seven days except by or with the consent of the governing board of the political subdivision"; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709(1), any order declaring, continuing, or terminating a local disaster "shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the county clerk and recorder;" and

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709(2), the effect of declaring a local disaster "is to activate the response and recovery aspects of any and all applicable local and interjurisdictional disaster emergency plans and to authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance under such plans"; and

WHEREAS, because of the drought, Dolores County is and will suffer from a disaster as defined under C.R.S. § 24-33.5-703(3); and

WHEREAS, the cost and magnitude of responding to and recovering from the impact of this disaster exceeds Dolores County's available resources; and

WHEREAS, declaration of a local disaster emergency is appropriate and in the interest of the public health, safety and welfare.

NOW THEREFORE, it is ordered by the Chairperson of the Board of County Commissioners, County of Dolores, State of Colorado, that a disaster emergency is declared in and for the County of Dolores, Colorado, beginning on May 27, 2021 and ending on October 1, 2021 unless further extended by consent of the BOCC.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the BOCC hereby ratifies the declaration made by the Chairperson for the period set forth herein.

DONE AND SIGNED this 1ST day JUNE, 2021.

Floyd L. Cook Julie R. Kibel Steve Garchar
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DEPUTY CLERK TO THE BOARD

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The seal of Dolores County, Colorado, is circular with a double-line border. The outer ring contains the text "DOLORES COUNTY" at the top and "COLORADO" at the bottom, separated by a small star on the right. In the center of the seal, the word "Seal" is written in a stylized, serif font.