

**RESOLUTION # \_\_\_\_\_**

**NATRONA COUNTY, WYOMING**

**JOINT DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE  
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared the Coronavirus as a worldwide pandemic as of March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States declared a national emergency concerning the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) on March 13, 2020, specifically stating that in “December 2019 a novel (new) coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2 (“the virus”) was first detected in Wuhan, Hubei Province, People’s Republic of China, causing outbreaks of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) that has now spread globally. . . . The spread of COVID-19 within our Nation’s communities threatens to strain our Nation’s healthcare systems. . . . Additional measures . . . are needed to successfully contain and combat the virus in the United States.” The National Emergency Declaration declared that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constitutes a national emergency; and

WHEREAS, Mark Gordon, Governor of the State of Wyoming, declared a State of Emergency and Public Health Emergency for the State of Wyoming on March 13, 2020, stating that on March 11, 2020 an individual within the State of Wyoming tested presumptive positive for COVID-19 and the State of Wyoming is experiencing a public health emergency in response to the evolving outbreak of the novel coronavirus as of March 11, 2020. The Declaration of a State of Emergency directs the Director of the Wyoming Department of Health to take all appropriate and necessary actions and in the Director’s judgment any actions necessary to provide aid to those locations where there is a threat or danger to public health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Natrona County Board of County Commissioners approved Natrona County Resolution 09-20, *Resolution Recognizing Covid-19 Pandemic*, as of March 17, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Natrona County presently has fourteen (14) confirmed cases of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) with documentation of community spread; and

WHEREAS, the Natrona County Board of County Commissioners have authority and jurisdiction over the unincorporated areas of Natrona County, Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, the City of Casper Fire Department is a fire department of the City of Casper, a Wyoming Municipality; and

WHEREAS, Natrona County oversees the Casper-Natrona County Health Department, which is administered by Anna Kinder, Director of Casper-Natrona County Public Health; and

WHEREAS, the Natrona County Board of County Commissioners desires to grant the power to oversee the complete management of the COVID-19 Response Incident to a Unified Command whose members shall be:

Stacia Hill, Natrona County Emergency Management Coordinator  
Anna Kinder, Director Casper-Natrona County Public Health

Division Chief Mark Harshman, City of Casper Fire Department

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Natrona County Board of County Commissioners that the Unified Command to oversee the complete management of the COVID-19 Response Incident shall be the following members:

Stacia Hill, Natrona County Emergency Management Coordinator  
Anna Kinder, Director Casper-Natrona County Public Health  
Division Chief Mark Harshman, City of Casper Fire Department

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Unified Commanders (UC), shall give regular reports to the City of Casper through its Mayor, and the Natrona County Board of County Commissioners, and to the other Natrona County Elected Officials; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the UC shall adhere to relevant and applicable laws, policies, and professional standards; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the UC shall manage this incident under standard protocols and procedures for the incident command system (ICS) and the National Incident Management System (NIMS); and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the UC shall manage the incident in order of the highest priority to the lowest priority as delineated below:

1. Coordinate all response with the Wyoming Department of Health and with the Natrona County Health Officer.
2. Provide for Emergency Responder, Public Health/Healthcare employee safety.
3. Provide for the protection of public health safety from the COVID-19 disease.
4. Prevent the spread of the COVID-19 disease within the Natrona County, Wyoming population.
5. Provide incident stability.
6. Provide timely, accurate, and relevant information to the public regarding the incident.
7. Provide for minimal disruption of access to critical community services. Access must be consistent with the safety of the public.
8. Coordinate with the Natrona County Emergency Operations Center for resource requests and information sharing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the UC shall comply with the following:

1. That the delegation carries full responsibility of the complete management of the COVID-19 Response Incident within Natrona County, Wyoming, including within the City of Casper, Wyoming.
2. All unified incident commanders shall sign the delegation letter accepting command.
3. That the unified commanders shall organize, manage and direct the assigned resources for complete management of the COVID-19 Response Incident.
4. Assumption of Command began as of March 16, 2020 and shall continue until such time as this resolution is revoked or modified.
5. That the UC shall maintain close coordination with all affected agencies to ensure a safe and efficient transfer of command and continuous, transparent communication.

DATED THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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Robert L. Hendry, Chairwoman  
Natrona County Board of County

Commissioners


Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tracy Good, Natrona County Clerk


DATED THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

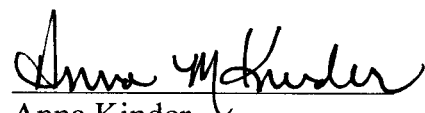
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Steven K. Freel, Mayor  
City of Casper

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fleur Tremel, Casper City Clerk

Reviewed and Agreed:

  
Stacia Hill  
Natrona County Emergency  
Coordinator

  
Mark Harshman  
City of Casper Fire  
Deputy Chief

  
Anna Kinder  
Director, Casper-Natrona  
County Health Department