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MAYOR

DEPARTMENT

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To my fellow citizens,

Today I have issued an Executive Order, declaring a State of Emergency for the City of Laurel. Although the city of Laurel has no known cases of COVID-19, there is a confirmed case in Yellowstone County, and given our proximity to the largest city in Montana, I'm concerned about the health and welfare of Laurel's citizens.

This declaration will allow the City to access any State, and/or Federal resources, should we find the need, as we continue through this COVID-19 Pandemic. Given the shortages of vital medical supplies, costs are higher than ever. These increased costs could have potentially catastrophic effects on the departmental budgets. State and Federal Resources will help alleviate or eliminate these effects entirely.

I have met with all Department Heads, which include the Police, Fire and Ambulance departments. We have drafted plans for preventative measures to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. We have plans to reliably provide all our city services to the citizens and businesses of Laurel without interruption. We will be asking to limit the seating for all public meetings to maintain six feet of space between anyone in the audience. It is my intent to continue to do everything in my power to provide for the health, safety and welfare for the citizens of the City of Laurel.

In closing, I would like to ask that all the citizens of Laurel take this Pandemic seriously and do everything in their power to prevent its spread. Our elderly and immunocompromised friends and loved one are depending on us. Together we will get through this.

Respectfully,

Thomas C Nelson
Laurel City Mayor