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**A PROCLAMATION BY THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA,
ACTING AS THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES, DECLARING THE EXISTENCE
OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, Gardena Municipal Code Chapter 2.56.060 empowers the City Manager, as the Director of Emergency Services, to declare the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when the City is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 8550 et seq., including Section 8558(c), authorize the City Manager to proclaim a local emergency when the City is threatened by conditions of disaster or extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the City that are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the City; and

WHEREAS, there has been widespread arson, looting, assaults, vandalism, rioting and other civil unrest in the adjacent City of Los Angeles, and other nearby cities since May 30, 2020, and continuing to the present. Since at least May 28, 2020, there has also been widespread arson, looting, assaults, vandalism and rioting stemming from public demonstrations in numerous other cities throughout California and across the country. Peaceful demonstrations are essential to our democratic system. However, some individuals have engaged in dangerous and unlawful activity, threatening the safety of lawful demonstrators, surrounding communities, and first responders; and

WHEREAS, there is an imminent threat of the civil unrest spreading to the City of Gardena which could lead to extreme peril to life and property in the City of Gardena; and

WHEREAS, these civil unrest conditions, if fully manifested, are, or are likely to be, beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the City of Gardena; and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat; and

TASHA CERDA, Mayor / MARK E. HENDERSON, Mayor Pro Tem
PAULETTE C. FRANCIS, Councilmember / ART KASKANIAN, Councilmember / RODNEY G. TANAKA, Councilmember
MINA SEMENZA, City Clerk / J. INGRID TSUKIYAMA, City Treasurer / CLINT OSORIO, City Manager / CARMEN VASQUEZ, City Attorney

WHEREAS, the mobilization of local resources, ability to coordinate interagency response, accelerate procurement of vital supplies, use mutual aid, and allow for future reimbursement by the state and federal governments will be critical to successfully responding to the civil unrest and violence; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager, as the City's Director of Emergency Services, has the power to declare a local emergency as authorized by Government Code section 8630 and Gardena Municipal Code Chapter 2.56.060.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED by the City Manager of the City of Gardena as follows:

- A. As contemplated in the Emergency Services Act contained in Government Code Section 8550 et seq., including Section 8558(c), and Chapter 2.56 of the Gardena Municipal Code, beginning May 31, 2020, a local emergency exists based on the existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property caused by an widespread civil unrest, in which peaceful protests have turned into riots, with looting, and other violent behavior, as detailed in the recitals set forth above.
- B. The area of the City which is endangered/imperiled is the entire City; and
- C. During the existence of this local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of this City shall be those prescribed by state law and by local ordinances and regulations, including, but not limited to, Chapter 2.56 of the Gardena Municipal Code and any other applicable resolutions of this City.
- D. The City Council shall review and ratify this proclamation within 7 days as required by state law, and if ratified, shall continue to exist until the City Council proclaims the termination of this local emergency. The City Council shall review the need for continuing the local emergency as required by state law until it terminates the local emergency, and shall terminate the local emergency at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant.
- E. That a copy of this proclamation be forwarded to the Director of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services requesting that the Director find it acceptable in accordance with State Law; that the Governor of California, pursuant to the Emergency Services Act, issue a proclamation declaring an emergency in the City of Gardena; that the Governor waive regulations that may hinder response and recovery efforts; that recovery assistance be made available under the

California Disaster Assistance Act; and that the State expedite access to State and Federal resources and any other appropriate federal disaster relief programs.

PROCLAIMED this 3rd day of June, 2020.

Clint Osorio

Clint Osorio,
City Manager/Director of Emergency
Services

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE A TRUE COPY OF A PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY FOR THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA BY THE CITY MANAGER (DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES) ON THE 3RD DAY OF JUNE, 2020.

ATTEST:

Becky Romero

fr MINA SEMENZA, City Clerk

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