

**GILPIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER ORDER TERMINATING DISASTER DECLARATION
IN AND FOR GILPIN COUNTY, COLORADO**

- A. On February 10, 2022, the Gilpin County Board of County Commissioners (“Board”) considered whether the COVID-19 Disaster Declaration Order should be terminated. Specifically, the Board considered whether the Eighth Continuation Disaster Declaration Order, which was effective through April 5, 2022 at 11:59 p.m. MDT, should be terminated prior to that date and time;
- B. The Gilpin County Office of Emergency Management Emergency Manager, Nate Whittington, presented information to the Board advocating and recommending termination of the Disaster Declaration Order on Friday February 11, 2022 at 12:01 a.m. MDT. In short, his recommendation was that although Covid-19 is still present in our county and state, the public health emergency and the disaster it caused no longer existed. His recommendation was based on several key points;
- C. First, the COVID-19 pandemic is becoming an endemic. This was due to increased vaccination rates in Gilpin County and Colorado generally. This helped slow and prevent the previously rapid spread of the virus and the overwhelming hospitalizations and deaths the pandemic had caused. This change in the amount and severity of the adverse effects of the COVID-19 virus essentially put the COVID-19 virus into a likely endemic stage much, like influenza, polio, chicken pox, and other cold and flu viruses that we have learned to successful manage and treat effectively.
- D. Second, Gilpin County and the State of Colorado have adequate and readily available resources and supplies in containing and managing the COVID-19 virus including available vaccines, personal protective equipment (PPE – masks), and much less demand for these resources.
- E. Third, Gilpin County and the State of Colorado had more available federal, state, and local financial resources to help to manage the COVID-19 virus and its risks and adverse effects.
- F. 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.” The Gilpin County Board of County Commissioners are the governing board for unincorporated Gilpin County.
- G. Pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709(1), “[a]ny 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 with the office of emergency management.”

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Gilpin County, Colorado (“Board”) having considered the above recited recommendations and information resolves as follows:

- 1. The Board having considered the recommendations from the Gilpin County Office of Emergency Management hereby accepts and adopts the information provided and recommendations to terminate the Gilpin County Disaster Declaration by a vote in favor of 3 to 0.
- 2. It is ordered by the chair of the Board of County Commissioners for the County of Gilpin, State of Colorado, that the Disaster Declaration Order declaring a disaster emergency in the County of Gilpin, Colorado that began on Saturday

March 14, 2020 at 12:00 a.m. MST is terminated effective February 11, 2022 at 11:59 p.m. MST unless later reinstated by the Gilpin County Board of County Commissioners. This Order Terminating the Disaster Declaration shall be recorded with the Gilpin County Clerk and Recorder's Office.

3. In the event circumstances involving the COVID-19 virus change for the worse or otherwise require Gilpin County to reinstate the Disaster Declaration, the Board can and will do so.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
GILPIN COUNTY, COLORADO

Sandy Hollingsworth
Sandy Hollingsworth, Chair

February 17, 2022
Date

ATTEST:

Sharon Cate
Deputy Clerk Sharon Cate