

GARDEN GROVE CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE RATIFYING THE CITY MANAGER/DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES' PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO CIVIL UNREST AND SETTING A CITYWIDE NIGHT TIME CURFEW

WHEREAS, Garden Grove Municipal Code Section 6.08.070(A)(1) 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 the City Council is not in session; 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 on May 25, 2020, George Floyd tragically died in Minneapolis, Minnesota, shortly following his arrest in which an officer of the Minneapolis Police Department kneeled on his neck to detain him during the arrest, and then did not respond to Mr. Floyd's requests for help when he stated that he could not breathe; and

WHEREAS, the death of George Floyd has given rise to protests that unfortunately have turned to violence, looting, and property damage in various metropolitan areas across the United States; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles County and the City of Los Angeles requested State assistance including the activation of the California National Guard based on the civil unrest, including arson, vandalism, looting, and destruction of public and private property the City and County of Los Angeles have reported and based on limited local resources; and

WHEREAS, on May 30, 2020, Governor Newsom proclaimed a state of emergency in Los Angeles County and the City of Los Angeles and deployed the California National Guard to support response efforts in Los Angeles County and the City of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, on May 30, 2020, Garden Grove Police Officers were deployed in response to the request of the City of Santa Ana for mutual aid after several hundred protestors gathered in Santa Ana with some throwing rocks, bottles and mortars and igniting fireworks in the direction of police officers, and thereafter vandalized and looted public and private properties during the civil unrest; and

WHEREAS, on May 31, 2020, civil unrest ensued in the Cities of Long Beach and Santa Monica, including looting and vandalism; and

WHEREAS, the City Council does hereby find that the conditions of civil unrest described in the City Manager's Proclamation and establishment of a curfew, attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and incorporated hereto by reference, did warrant and necessitate the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency in the City of Garden Grove; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager acting as the City's Director of Emergency Services did proclaim the existence of a local emergency as authorized by Government Code section 8630 and Garden Grove Municipal Code section 6.08.070(A)(1).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Garden Grove that the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency and curfew, as issued by the City Manager acting as the Director of Emergency Services, is hereby ratified and confirmed.