

**FRIENDS OF THE FRONT RANGE WILDLIFE REFUGES
EMERGENCY DECLARATION AND RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Colorado Governor Jared Polis. By Executive Order D 2020 03, has declared a statewide disaster emergency due to the presence of COVID-19 in the state. The Executive Order identifies the potential for community spread and, among other things, activates disaster response and recovery aspects of applicable state, local and interjurisdictional disaster emergency plans; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020 the President of the United States declared the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant an emergency declaration for all States, Tribes, Territories and the District of Columbia pursuant to section 501(b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121 – 5207 (the “Stafford Act”); and

WHEREAS, there is significant public concern regarding the potential effects of COVID-19 and its spread from person to person and there is an extreme likelihood of danger to human life; and

WHEREAS, Friends of the Front Range Wildlife Refuges (FFRWR) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization duly and legally registered in the state of Colorado and with the Internal Revenue Service; and

WHEREAS, FFRWR operates for purposes and in a manner consistent with its By-Laws; and

WHEREAS,The By-Laws set forth the timing and manner of meetings of the FFRWR Board and meetings of the general membership; and

WHEREAS,the By-Laws require an annual membership meeting to vote on new Board members to be held in April of each year; and

WHEREAS,under the By-Laws any votes taken by the board or by the membership make no mention of methods other than in person; and

WHEREAS, it is the sense of the FFRWR Board to continue its operation in strict adherence to public health and safety during the COVID-19 pandemic

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FFRWR BOARD:

Section 1. The President of the FFRWR Board shall make and sign this **Emergency Declaration for the Continuance of the Organization.**

Section 2. This declaration shall give the president the authority to amend the By-Laws to allow for changes in the timing and manner of meetings of the FFRWR Board and meetings of the general membership.

Section 3.These changes include, but are not limited to, voting by electronic or other nonperson-to-person methods and extending time frame for annual meeting.

Section 4. This Emergency Declaration shall be in force until such time as the Colorado Governor declares the end of the statewide disaster emergency but that the amended By-Laws shall carry the force of law thereafter or until they are amended by future actions of the FFRWR Board.

ADOPTED this 23 day of April, 2020

Rene Bullock

Rene Bullock, President
Friends of the Front Range Wildlife Refuges