

**PROCLAMATION BY GEORGE PETERS, MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF OOLOGAH, OF AN
EMERGENCY IN THE TOWN OF OOLOGAH
DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the coronavirus COVID-19 disease to be a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a National Emergency, due to the COVID-19 virus pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, the Governor of the State of Oklahoma has declared an emergency caused by the impending threat of COVID-19 to the people of this State and public's peace, health, and safety; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has advised that certain American cities and countries should limit public gatherings of 50 people; and

WHEREAS, it is my duty as Mayor to protect the health and safety of the Town and its inhabitants, to preserve the peace, and to provide civil defense and emergency functions; and

WHEREAS, Title 22 Section 22-120 *et al.* of the Oklahoma Statutes empowers the Town of Oologah to proclaim a state of emergency when the Town of Oologah is threatened by a local emergency that affects the life, health, property or the public peace and;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a new virus that currently lacks widely available testing at pharmacies and doctor's offices which reduces the ability to effectively track community spread;

WHEREAS, while there is currently no evidence of community spread of COVID-19 in the Town of Oologah, there is little known regarding the transmission of COVID-19 by those who are infected but not yet showing symptoms;

WHEREAS, the CDC issued the Revised Interim Guidance for Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) on March 15, 2020 recommending a number of factors be considered in postponing or canceling mass gatherings, including that larger gatherings of more than 50 people offer more opportunities for person-to-person contact and therefore pose greater risk of COVID-19 transmission;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that a local emergency now exists in the entirety of the Town of Oologah, State of Oklahoma;

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that events of 50 people or more in Town facilities are prohibited and special events permits issued for events of 50 people or more are revoked.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that this state of emergency shall continue until the issuance of a proclamation of the Mayor declaring its termination.

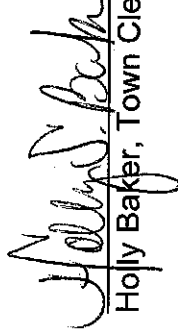
DATED THIS 20th day of March, 2020.

THE TOWN OF OOLOGAH
a municipal corporation



George Peters, Mayor

ATTEST:



Holy Baker, Town Clerk