

PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 38-431.01, THE GILA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL HOLD AN OPEN MEETING IN THE SUPERVISORS' HEARING ROOM, 1400 EAST ASH STREET, GLOBE, ARIZONA. ONE OR MORE BOARD MEMBERS MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING BY TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL OR BY INTERACTIVE TELEVISION VIDEO (ITV). **ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC IS WELCOME TO ATTEND THE MEETING VIA ITV WHICH IS HELD AT 610 E. HIGHWAY 260, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' CONFERENCE ROOM, PAYSON, ARIZONA.** THE AGENDA IS AS FOLLOWS:

**EMERGENCY MEETING - WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2019 -
2:00 P.M.**

1. **CALL TO ORDER - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
2. **REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:**
 - A. Information/Discussion/Action to adopt Resolution No. 19-02-01 issuing a Declaration of Emergency in Gila County due to recent snow storms that occurred in Gila County beginning on February 20, 2019. **(Michael O'Driscoll)**

IF SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS ARE NEEDED, PLEASE CONTACT THE RECEPTIONIST AT (928) 425-3231 AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE THE ACCOMMODATIONS. FOR TTY, PLEASE DIAL 7-1-1 TO REACH THE ARIZONA RELAY SERVICE AND ASK THE OPERATOR TO CONNECT YOU TO (928) 425-3231.

THE BOARD MAY VOTE TO HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING LEGAL ADVICE FROM THE BOARD'S ATTORNEY ON ANY MATTER LISTED ON THE AGENDA PURSUANT TO A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(3).

THE ORDER OR DELETION OF ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION AT THE MEETING.

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2. A.

Emergency Meeting

Meeting Date: 02/20/2019

Submitted For: Michael O'Driscoll, Director

Submitted By: Marian Sheppard, Clerk of the Board

Department: Health & Emergency Management

Information

Request/Subject

Resolution No. 19-02-01 Declaration of Emergency- February 2019 Snow Storms

Background Information

Snow storms began in Gila County on February 20, 2019, which have created an emergency situation where many citizens have been stranded in their homes denying them access to food and medical assistance. The snow storms are endangering citizens' lives and well-being, and they have the potential to damage homes and property.

Evaluation

A.R.S. §26-311 outlines the requirements for the Board of Supervisors to declare an emergency.

Conclusion

Resolution No. 19-02-01 will prepare Gila County for recovery efforts from the recent snow storms and provide the legal avenue to request additional resources if needed.

Recommendation

It is the recommendation of the Gila County Health and Emergency Management Department Director that the Board of Supervisors adopt Resolution No. 19-02-01.

Suggested Motion

Information/Discussion/Action to adopt Resolution No. 19-02-01 issuing a Declaration of Emergency in Gila County due to recent snow storms that occurred in Gila County beginning on February 20, 2019. **(Michael O'Driscoll)**

Attachments

Resolution No. 19-02-01

Letter to BOS from Michael O'Driscoll 2-20-19



RESOLUTION NO. 19-02-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF GILA COUNTY, ARIZONA, ISSUING A DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY DUE TO SNOW STORMS THAT STARTED IN GILA COUNTY ON FEBRUARY 20, 2019, AND AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO TAKE ALL FURTHER ACTIONS AS MAY BE NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE TO IMPLEMENT THIS DECLARATION PURSUANT TO ARIZONA REVISED STATUTE (A.R.S.) § 26-311.

WHEREAS, the Gila County Board of Supervisors is authorized by A.R.S. § 26-311 to declare an emergency exists due to snow storms which endangers life or property within the city, or the unincorporated areas of the County; and

WHEREAS, the snow storms that started on February 20, 2019, have created an emergency where many citizens have been stranded in their homes denying them access to food and medical assistance, endangering their lives and well-being, threatening to damage their homes and property, and;

WHEREAS, the snow storms have impacted many Gila County communities damaging County infrastructure and snow melts will affect County roadways and water runoffs will strand many citizens of Gila County; and

WHEREAS, multiple jurisdictional resources are on the ground expending resources to remove snow, repair infrastructure and respond to flooding;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Gila County Board of Supervisors hereby issues this Declaration of Emergency in Gila County and the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to take all further actions as may be necessary or appropriate to implement this declaration pursuant to A.R.S. § 26-311.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 20th day of February 2019, at Globe, Gila County, Arizona

Attest:

GILA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Marian Sheppard
Clerk of the Board

Tim Humphrey, Chairman



GILA COUNTY DIVISION of HEALTH & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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February 20, 2019

To the Gila County Board of Supervisors,

Gila County has been notified by the National Weather Service of a high-impact winter storm forecasted for the Central and Northern Arizona areas late early morning Thursday 2/21/19 through Friday 2/22/19. Snow fall is currently predicted to be 23-45 inches in the Northern Gila communities that include, Payson, Christopher Creek, Kohl's Ranch, Pine, Strawberry, Tonto Village and Young. For this reason, it is my recommendation as the Emergency Management Director in Gila County the Board of Supervisor consider the emergency declaration presented. This declaration will allow mutual aid agreements to be utilized to assist Gila County residents through this snow storm and any water runoff issues when the snow melts if needed.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Michael O'Driscoll, Director
Gila County Public Health & Emergency Management

