On March 12, 2020, I issued a proclamation of local emergency in preparation and response to the spread of the COVID-19 virus in our community, which our City Council ratified on March 17, 2020. The local emergency will continue until its termination.

On March 19, 2020, in Executive Order N-33-20, the Governor directed all California residents to stay home or at their place of residence except as needed to maintain continuity of operations of the federal critical infrastructure sectors, under the Order of the State Public Health Officer until further notice.

On March 12, 2020, the County Public Health Officer issued orders directing the public to take certain actions to protect the public health from COVID-19. The Public Health Order was amended several times and is in effect until further notice, unless extended. On April 26, 2020, the County Public Health Order was updated to include modifications to beach and park closures as well as a countywide facial covering order. On April 30, 2020, the County Public Health Order was further amended to allow additional limited recreational activities in parks and waterways and to provide additional guidelines regarding face coverings.

On March 16, 2020, I executed Executive Order No. 2020-1, directing measures to be taken across the City to protect members of the public and City employees from an undue risk of contracting the COVID-19 virus. On March 30, 2020, I executed Executive Order No. 2020-2, to reinforce the City’s commitment to promote social distancing, self-quarantine, and self-isolation necessary to protect public health. On April 21, 2020, I directed the limited reopening of neighborhood parks for passive use by individuals in accordance with public health rules.

Executive Order No. 2020-1 and Executive Order No. 2020-2, both of which expire on April 30, 2020, are hereby extended to May 31, 2020, as it is imperative that the City of San Diego continue to implement locally all guidance and directives currently available from federal, state, and local public health officials to stem the spread of the virus and protect public safety and welfare. The closures and restrictions in these orders were and remain necessary because of the propensity of the virus to spread person to person and also because COVID-19 physically causes property loss and damage. The measures outlined in this order fall within City jurisdiction and pertain to matters reasonably related to the protection of life and property.
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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020-3
By the Mayor

By virtue of authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of San Diego pursuant to the provisions of the City Charter, San Diego Municipal Code section 51.0105, and California Government Code section 8634 to promulgate, issue, and enforce rules, regulations, and orders, I hereby declare the following orders to be necessary for the protection of life and property and I hereby order, effective immediately until May 31, 2020, that:

1. All of the requirements contained in Executive Order No. 2020-1, dated March 16, 2020, except those superseded here or by order of the Governor or Public Health Official are still in effect and are hereby extended until May 31, 2020.

2. All of the requirements contained in Executive Order No. 2020-2, dated March 30, 2020, except those superseded here or by order of the Governor or Public Health Official are still in effect and are hereby extended until May 31, 2020.

3. All City residents shall comply with all current direction issued by Executive Order of the Governor of California and by directive of the County Public Health Officer.

4. City of San Diego community and neighborhood parks, as well as certain trails in Open Space parks, are open for limited use by individuals (walking, running, hiking, biking, equestrian). The public shall not congregate or participate in active sport activities at a park with the exception of members of a single family or household. Visitors must practice all social distancing guidelines in accordance with the public health orders. Shoreline parks, regional parks, and Balboa Park’s Central Mesa and museums remain closed. City of San Diego golf courses are open with specific safety protocols. This order is in accordance with the County of San Diego Public Health Order, as amended on April 30, 2020.

5. City of San Diego beaches and bays are open for limited use by individuals, including walking, running, hiking, biking, equestrian, swimming, body surfing, boogie boarding, surfing, kite surfing, paddle boarding, kayaking, snorkeling, and scuba diving from the shore (where allowed). Boating is allowed by members of a single family or household. Mission Bay is not open for swimming at this time. Beach parking lots and boardwalks remain closed. The public shall not congregate or participate in active sport activities. Visitors must practice all social distancing guidelines in accordance with the public health orders. This order is in accordance with the County of San Diego Public Health Order, updated April 30, 2020.
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6. All City of San Diego residents two years of age or older shall be in possession of a face covering when they leave their home or place of residence and shall wear it when they are in a business or within six feet of another person who is not a member of their family or household. Persons with medical or mental health conditions, or a developmental disability that prevents them from wearing a face covering, shall be exempt from this requirement. Additionally, effective May 8, 2020, each essential business shall require employees to wear a face covering. This order is in accordance with the County Public Health Order as amended on April 30, 2020.

7. The San Diego Convention Center will remain temporarily in use as an emergency homeless shelter to support Operation Shelter to Home and prevent the spread of COVID-19 among San Diego’s homeless population.

Any violation of the above prohibitions may be referred for prosecution to the fullest extent of the law. Each individual officer should use their discretion in enforcing this order and always keep the intent of the order in mind.

Dated: April 30, 2020

Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer