PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Tempe City Charter authorizes the declaration of an emergency affecting the life, health, property or the public peace of the City of Tempe; and

WHEREAS, the Tempe City Council by way of Emergency Ordinance No. O2020.07, declared an emergency on March 18, 2020, and authorizing the Mayor to rule by proclamation to enact measures to ensure the public peace, health, safety, or general welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, Arizona law authorizes the Mayor of the City of Tempe, Arizona, to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when the City of Tempe is or may be affected by a public calamity under AR.S. § 26-311, in addition to powers granted by other provisions of law or the Charter; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 virus a public health emergency of international concern and Arizona Governor Douglas Ducey declared a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 viral outbreak for the State of Arizona on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 outbreak constitutes an immediate threat to life, public health, safety, welfare and economic viability, the City of Tempe has taken measures to protect the health and safety of our residents, community and employees, from the rapidly evolving threat to public health, safety and welfare.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED THAT DUE TO THE LOCAL EMERGENCY THAT EXISTS IN THE CITY OF TEMPE, ARIZONA FROM THE COVID-19 VIRUS OUTBREAK IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

Effective April 21, 2020 at 8:00a.m., the City of Tempe will implement a Small Business Emergency Loan Program to be administered by Desert Financial Credit Union, a federally insured and chartered financial institution located in Arizona, for unsecured loans to qualifying small businesses in Tempe, in amounts between $5,000 and $20,000, at four percent (4%) interest, as determined by Desert Financial Credit Union, with the City guaranteeing up to $1,000,000 in loan repayments total. The loan funds are meant to cover operational expenses, such as payroll, utilities, rent, lease payments, and assessed taxes. The first payment will be deferred for ninety (90) days from the date of approval.

The City of Tempe worked with the Tempe Chamber, Downtown Tempe Authority, Tempe Tourism and Local First Arizona to implement this unique lending opportunity in order to help save small business in the City of Tempe.

PROCLAIMED at 10:39 a.m. this 20 day of April 2020.

Mark W. Mitchell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carla R. Reece, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Judith R. Baumann, City Attorney

Tempe