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A STATEMENT FROM MAYOR KEITH MASHBURN REGARDING COVID-19

Today the President declared a national emergency due to the coronavirus, and yesterday the County of Ventura declared a public health emergency in response to the third identified case of a traveler with Covid-19 in Ventura County and a case of community transmission of the virus in Los Angeles County.

As your City officials, the health and safety of our community is the top priority. To best protect our residents during this unprecedented situation, the City of Simi Valley will also be declaring a state of emergency. The City is taking this action only to enable us to apply for State and Federal aid as needed, to implement social distancing policies at large gatherings and public meetings, and the ability to close City facilities should that be in the best interest of our residents and patrons.

While this announcement may be surprising and somewhat alarming, the City is taking this step to provide the flexibility to best serve our residents in response to any upcoming developments related to Covid-19.

I would like to ask our residents to partner with us during this time by remaining calm, because this announcement is not a cause for concern. Please continue to be the caring community that I know you are and provide support to your neighbors, friends, and family. As the situation evolves, there may be a strain on patience, but remember, we're all experiencing this together and can be there for each other.

Remember, if you are sick, or someone in your household is sick, please call your primary care physician immediately for next steps.

When we all take the steps to prevent the virus from spreading, we can make a difference. Please continue to follow www.vcemergency.com for the latest updates from Ventura County Public Health.

Thank you for being the supportive and caring community I know you to be.

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Keith L. Mashburn
Mayor