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A message from Caldwell Mayor Garret Nancolas:

These unusual and extraordinary times have been difficult for all of us. In the midst of confusion, it can be difficult to know what to do or where to turn to. Our sincerest thoughts and prayers go out to you and your families for bravely weathering an unprecedented crisis. The strength and resiliency of our community is truly humbling.

City officials have been working and meeting daily with our local health districts, including Canyon County Emergency Management, Southwest District Health, and West Valley Medical Center. Those health districts are working in turn with other state and federal health officials in a massive collaborative effort. Local governments are working diligently and tirelessly to ensure that we are briefed on the latest local, state and federal updates so that we can best serve the public.

At this time, we encourage you to follow Governor Little's guidelines; stay at home, avoid non-essential travel, avoid exposure to those not in your own household, and practice good hygiene. We encourage you to still support businesses that are open if you are able. Local restaurants have altered their entire business plans to provide takeout and curbside pickup for customers, while other businesses have transitioned to online ordering. Our heart goes out to those that have been closed due to public health and safety concerns.

The City's number one priority remains to protect the health and well-being of our staff and citizens. This entails closing certain City services to reduce potential virus exposure so that we do not overburden our hospitals and healthcare systems.

As of this time, Caldwell has closed public buildings including City Hall, the Caldwell Senior Center, Caldwell Event Center, Caldwell Public Library, Engineering/Planning and Zoning offices, the Caldwell

Airport terminal and Parks and Recreation. Essential services remain operational and we have customer service representatives available for public inquiries on our City phone lines.

We have closed non-essential services including playgrounds and public restrooms in our parks. Parks remain open for recreational exercise such as jogging or walking, but the closing of playgrounds is recommended by our health officials due to the potential transmission of COVID-19.

We have also closed our golf courses, Purple Sage and Fairview. This is in effort to meet the intent of the Governor's order for non-essential travel, to encourage citizens to stay home and exercise in their neighborhoods and local areas, and to protect our most vulnerable citizens from exposure.

To help offset the closure, we have moved up routine maintenance duties such as course aeration. We are making every attempt to have the closure be productive so that the public can return to regular play in a timely manner. Municipal courses across the valley are being closed as well, and we want to work in concert with other municipalities.

By implementing these measures, our primary focus is to protect our employees, citizens and most vulnerable members of the population, including our health care workers. I encourage the public to remain calm and be kind to your neighbor. We are all in this together.

May God bless you and your loved ones.

Sincerely,

Garret. L. Nancolas

Mayor of Caldwell