DECLARATION OF A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY IN THE VILLAGE OF CLOUDCROFT, OTERO COUNTY

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham issued a directive to all local and state agencies to temporarily adjust certain functions, including person-to-person contact, in order to minimize public health risks due to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) outbreak;

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham issued further directives, limiting the gathering of five (5) or more persons in public spaces;

WHEREAS, the Village of Cloudcroft has a commitment to ensure the safety of its employees and the public;

WHEREAS, the Village of Cloudcroft must ensure staff are taking necessary precautions to protect themselves, their families, co-workers and the public; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Operations Center was activated on a Level 4 capacity, as of 10:00 a.m. on March 23, 2020;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, David C. Venable, Mayor of the Village of Cloudcroft, do hereby as part of this Emergency Declaration, order the Village departments to make adjustments to their operations and practice social distancing procedures in an effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19, to include the following actions:

1. Closing the Michael Nivison Public Library;

2. Closing the doors to public access of the Village office, closing Motor Vehicle Department services; but actively answering all phone calls and accepting payment of bills, correspondence, etc., via the “drop box” on the front door of the office;

3. Closure of public restrooms;

4. Work schedules of the office staff will be adjusted to allow only five (5) employees working at any given time;

All actions will remain in effect until the Governor lifts all restrictions.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on this 25th day of March, 2020, by the Governing Body for the Village of Cloudcroft.