DECLARING MAY 2020 AS HEALTHCARE DISTRICT MONTH

WHEREAS, the global Coronavirus pandemic has affected the lives of all of us living in the Eastern Sierra, and especially the City of Bishop and the Town of Mammoth Lakes, which both reported deaths within the communities; and

WHEREAS, the vital efforts of our dedicated first responders and healthcare workers to protect, educate, and aid the public during the ongoing pandemic should be acknowledged; and

WHEREAS, our first responders and healthcare workers include, but not limited to, public health workers, paramedics, volunteer firefighters, air ambulance personnel, physicians, nurses, physician assistants, medical assistants, certified nursing assistants, clinical laboratory scientists, phlebotomists, respiratory care, purchasing, environmental services, laundry, admissions services, and the vast administrative and leadership teams behind them; and

WHEREAS, every day, these first responders and healthcare workers risk their own safety in the performance of their duties to protect our citizens; and

WHEREAS, these first responders and healthcare workers are the first and best defense against all medical emergencies that may threaten our communities; and

WHEREAS, our first responders and healthcare workers are ready to aid the people 24 hours a day, seven days a week, regardless of crisis or other hazards; and

WHEREAS, our first responders and healthcare workers are highly trained, specialized professionals who contribute their excellent skills for the public good; and

WHEREAS, these first responders and healthcare workers undergo extensive education, and training, and make significant personal sacrifices in order to achieve the expertise required to respond to medical emergencies; and

WHEREAS, in addition to maintaining our health and safety in times of crisis, many first responders and healthcare workers also enhance their communities as volunteers for service organizations, churches, and schools.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Laura Smith, Mayor of the City of Bishop, do hereby proclaim May 2020, to be, "Healthcare District Month" and encourage all citizens to take some time this month to show our healthcare workers how much we value their service to our City.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Bishop to be affixed this eleventh day of May, 2020.

LAURA SMITH, MAYOR