

RESOLUTION NO. 20-024

RESOLUTION OF THE MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RATIFYING THE LOCAL EMERGENCY RELATED TO 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) AS PROCLAIMED BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER/DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND RATIFYING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY AS PROCLAIMED BY THE HEALTH OFFICER

WHEREAS, a novel coronavirus, COVID-19, causes infectious disease and was first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China in December 2019. Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, and shortness of breath; outcomes have ranged from mild to severe illness, and in some cases death; and

WHEREAS, this rapidly evolving multinational outbreak of respiratory disease has been detected in 75 countries and territories, including, as of March 2, 2020, at least eighty-six (86) confirmed cases of COVID-19 and two (2) confirmed fatalities in the United States, as well as nearly eighty-nine-thousand (89,000) confirmed cases of COVID-19 and three thousand (3000) fatalities worldwide; and

WHEREAS, as of March 2, 2020, California has had at least five cases suspected to have been contracted due to community spread. Community spread is defined as the transmission of the virus without known contact with an individual with the virus, and without known connection with travel to or from a location where the virus is known to be rapidly spreading in China, Iran, Italy, and South Korea. Further, wide ranging community spread originating from Seattle is newly recognized; and

WHEREAS, while there are zero known cases of COVID-19 in Mendocino County at this time, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and California Department of Public Health (CDPH) are recommending that our nation and state prepare for a possible pandemic of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 tests used in the U.S. currently have very limited availability based on current CDC criteria; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020 the Mendocino County Chief Executive Officer/Director of Emergency Services proclaimed that a local emergency exists throughout Mendocino County; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020 the Mendocino County Health Officer issued a Declaration of Local Health Emergency; and

WHEREAS, California Health and Safety Code section 101080 provides authority for the Health Officer to issue a declaration of local health emergency, and Government Code section 8630 and Mendocino County Code section 7.04.050 provides authority for the Director of Emergency Services to issue a proclamation of local emergency if the Board of Supervisors is not in session; and

WHEREAS, Both the declaration by the Health Officer and the proclamation by the Director of Emergency Services must be ratified by the Board of Supervisors within seven (7) days.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors hereby:

1. Ratifies the Proclamation of the Director of Emergency Services Proclaiming the Existence of a Local Emergency.
2. Provides that during this local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the Mendocino County Chief Executive Officer and the emergency organization of Mendocino County shall be those prescribed by State law, and the ordinances, resolutions and approved emergency services plans of the County of Mendocino.
3. Authorizes that Carmel J. Angelo, having the titles of the Chief Executive Officer and Director of Emergency Services, is hereby designated as the authorized representative of public and individual assistance of the County of Mendocino for the purpose of receipt, processing, and coordination of all inquiries and requirements necessary to obtain available State and Federal Assistance.
4. Ratifies the Health Officer's Declaration of Local Health Emergency.

The foregoing Resolution introduced by Supervisor Brown, seconded by Supervisor Williams, and carried this 10th day of March, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Brown, McCowen, Haschak, Gjerde and Williams
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

WHEREUPON, the Chair declared said Resolution adopted and SO ORDERED.

ATTEST: CARMEL J. ANGELO
Clerk of the Board

Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
CHRISTIAN M. CURTIS
Acting County Counsel

JOHN HASCHAK, Chair
Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

I hereby certify that according to the provisions of Government Code Section 25103, delivery of this document has been made.

BY: CARMEL J. ANGELO
Clerk of the Board

Deputy

