



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Executive Office and Health and Human Services Agency

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Item Type: Regular Agenda

Time Allocated for Item: 10 min

Agenda Title:

Discussion and Possible Action Including Adoption of Resolution 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 (Sponsor: Executive Office and Health and Human Services Agency)

Recommended Action/Motion:

Adopt Resolution 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; and authorize Chair to sign same.

Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:

None.

Summary of Request:

Since early January 2020, Mendocino County has been part of a coordinated Public Health response involving the Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). Mendocino County Public Health has led this local effort in response to the rapidly evolving multinational outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a novel (new) coronavirus that was first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China.

This new coronavirus has now been detected in 75 countries and territories, including 43 cases in the United States (US) and at least 40 cases in California, (24 of which cases were people who caught the virus on the Diamond Princess cruise ship or caught the virus in Wuhan, China.) 1 person has tested presumptive positive for the coronavirus in Sonoma County. The patient had recently returned from a cruise ship that departed from San Francisco to Mexico and is currently in stable condition and under isolation. There have been two deaths from COVID-19 in the US, both being in persons over the age of 50 with underlying health conditions. All of the known COVID-19 cases in the US are in isolation until they no longer have any sign of the infection on follow-up tests. COVID-19 tests are currently controlled by the CDC and have just become available to some Public Health labs in California. It is expected that the COVID-19 test will become more readily available in the coming weeks.

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 (China, Iran, Italy, and South Korea).

While there are ZERO known cases of COVID-19 in Mendocino County at this time, and the risk of infection in our County remains low, 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.

This item requests the Board of Supervisors to adopt a resolution ratifying the declaration of a local health emergency by the Health Officer, and ratifying the proclamation of a local emergency by the Director of Emergency Services due to the potential introduction of COVID-19 into the Mendocino County. 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 86302 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. 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. The County Health Officer declared the existence of a local health emergency and the Director of Emergency Services proclaimed the existence of a local emergency on March 4, 2020.

Alternative Action/Motion:

Do not ratify resolution and provide alternative direction to staff.

Supervisory District: All

vote requirement: Majority

Supplemental Information Available Online At: n/a

Fiscal Details:

source of funding: n/a

current f/y cost: n/a

annual recurring cost: n/a

budgeted in current f/y: N/A

if no, please describe:

revenue agreement: N/A

budget clarification: n/a

Agreement/Resolution/Ordinance Approved by County Counsel: Yes

CEO Liaison: Darcie Antle, Deputy CEO

CEO Review: Yes

CEO Comments:

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Executed By: Lindsey Dunham, Deputy Clerk I

Date: March 11, 2020

Final Status: **Adopted**

Executed Item Number: **Resolution** Number:
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