

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**  
Certified copy of portion of proceedings, Meeting of March 17, 2020

RESOLUTION NO. 20-21

**RESOLUTION TO RATIFY COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER'S DECLARATION OF LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020, Humboldt County Health Officer declared a Local Health Emergency pursuant to Humboldt County Code section 2210-8 for a up to seven (7) days in the county or any area thereof, including but not limited to an imminent and proximate public health threat of the introduction of any contagious, infectious, or communicable disease, chemical agent, noncommunicable biologic agent, toxin, or radioactive agent; and

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

**WHEREAS**, on January 31, 2020, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Alex M. Azar II declared a public health emergency for the United States to aid the nation's health care community in responding to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has determined that the virus presents a serious public health threat; and

**WHEREAS**, Humboldt County had its first confirmed case of COVID-19 on February 20, 2020, and the potential of more COVID-19 cases in Humboldt County is an imminent threat; and

**WHEREAS**, the declaration does not reflect any dramatic change in the health of our community, and this step is being taken to help ensure adequate capacity to address the community transmission phase of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 4, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom proclaimed a state of emergency to exist in California; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Newsom ordered that the time period in Health and Safety Code section 101080 within which a local governing authority must renew a local health emergency is waived for the duration of this statewide emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Newsom ordered that any such local health emergency will remain in effect until each local governing authority terminates its respective local health emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, when we begin seeing increasing numbers of cases it will undoubtedly be accompanied by increased demands on local public health as well as our community partners who are part of the response such as hospitals, clinics, emergency medical services (EMS), law enforcement and other agencies; and

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**WHEREAS**, it is important to declare a Local Health Emergency because it opens up resources local governments can access to assist with in-the-moment needs, like staffing and equipment resources, as well as recouping associated costs once the emergency is resolved.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** as follows:

1. That the Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt find the aforesaid conditions warrant and necessitate the declaration of a Local Health Emergency and that a Local Health Emergency does exist throughout Humboldt County.
2. That the Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt ratifies the County Health Officer's March 11, 2020 Local Health Emergency Declaration.
3. That the Local Health Emergency Declaration shall remain in effect until the Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt terminates the local health emergency.

Dated: March 17, 2020



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Estelle Fennell, Chair  
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

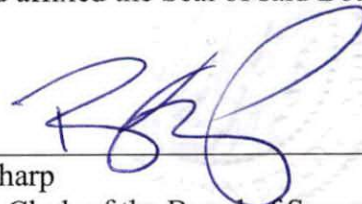
Adopted on motion by Supervisor Madrone, seconded by Supervisor Bass, and the following vote:

AYES:	Supervisors	Bohn, Fennell, Madrone, Wilson, Bass
NAYS:	Supervisors	--
ABSENT:	Supervisors	--
ABSTAIN:	Supervisors	--

STATE OF CALIFORNIA    )  
County of Humboldt     )

I, KATHY HAYES, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Humboldt, State of California, do hereby certify the foregoing to be an original made in the above-entitled matter by said Board of Supervisors at a meeting held in Eureka, California.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Board of Supervisors.



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Ryan Sharp  
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of  
the County of Humboldt, State of California