

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Certified copy of portion of proceedings, Meeting of February 28, 2023

RESOLUTION NO. 23-23

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE TERMINATION OF A LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY (COVID-19)**

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020, the Humboldt County Health Officer proclaimed a Local Health Emergency pursuant to Humboldt County; 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 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 was an imminent threat; and

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

**WHEREAS**, on March 17, 2020, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors found that the aforesaid conditions warranted and necessitated the proclamation of a Local Health Emergency and that a Local Health Emergency did exist throughout Humboldt County, thereby ratifying the County Health Officer's March 11, 2020 Local Health Emergency Declaration; and

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

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

**WHEREAS**, when Humboldt County began seeing increasing numbers of cases it 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

**WHEREAS**, it was important to proclaim a Local Health Emergency because it opened up resources local governments could access to assist with in-the-moment needs, like staffing and equipment resources, as well as recouping associated costs once the emergency was resolved; and

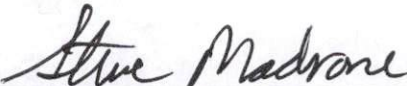
**WHEREAS**, the Governor of the State of California has announced a plan to declare an end to the California COVID-19 State of Emergency on Tuesday, February 28, 2023, and resume public health guidance and response efforts that align with current and future federal Health & Human Services and Centers for Disease control & Prevention (CDC) guidance and requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, the President of the United States, has announced the intent to end the national emergency and public health emergency declarations related to the COVID-19 pandemic on Thursday, May 11, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the situation resulting from the local COVID-19 response is now deemed to be within the control of the normal protective services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of and within said County of Humboldt;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt, State of California, does hereby proclaim the termination of said local emergency.

Dated: February 28, 2023

  
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Steve Madrone, Chair  
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors


Adopted on motion by Supervisor Wilson, seconded by Supervisor Arroyo, and the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors -- Madrone, Wilson, Bushnell, Arroyo, Bohn  
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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By NICOLE TURNER  
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the  
County of Humboldt, State of California