

**Before the Board of Supervisors in and for the
County of Monterey, State of California**

Resolution No. 20 - _____

Adopt a Resolution ratifying Proclamation of Local Emergency by the)
County Administrative Officer related to the 2019 Novel Coronavirus.)

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, On March 6, 2020, pursuant to County Code, the County Administrative Officer signed an emergency proclamation to initiate the protective/responsive process; and,

WHEREAS, Section 2.68.060 of the Monterey County Code and Section 8630 of the Government Code empowers the Monterey County Board of Supervisors to ratify the proclamation of an emergency when the County is affected by or likely to be affected by a public calamity; and,

WHEREAS, the California Emergency Services Act (Government Code section 8630, et. seq.) establishes procedures for proclaiming emergencies and for responding promptly to the needs that arise during emergencies; and,

WHEREAS, the Section 2.68.060 of the Monterey County Code and Section 8630 of the Government Code empower the County Administrative Officer or his designee, or the Board of Supervisors if in session, to proclaim the existence of a local emergency when the County is affected by or likely to be affected by a public calamity; and,

WHEREAS, the United States has confirmed cases of individuals who have a severe acute respiratory illness caused by a novel (new) coronavirus ("COVID-19" or "the virus") first detected in Wuhan, Hubei Province, People's Republic of China in December of 2019; and,

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) officials now report that sustained human-to-human transmission of the virus is occurring and transmission from an asymptomatic individual has been documented. Although most individuals infected with COVID-19 recover from the disease without special treatment, some may become seriously ill, particularly those with compromised immune systems or underlying health issues; and,

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, WHO declared the COVID-19 outbreak a public health emergency of international concern, and on January 31, 2020, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services declared a Public Health Emergency for the United States; and,

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") has determined that the virus presents a serious public health threat, requiring coordination among state and local health departments to ensure readiness for potential health threats associated with the virus; and,

WHEREAS, the CDC has issued guidance to local and State health departments, including Monterey County's Department of Public Health (MCDPH), concerning risk assessment and public health management of persons with potential exposure to COVID-19. These guidelines require MCDPH to make extraordinary efforts to monitor ongoing communicable disease threats and prepare for management of individuals who may have been exposed to COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, MCDPH, the Office of Emergency Services (OES), and other County and City partners have been working successfully and diligently to implement CDC guidelines, but now

require additional tools and resources to protect the public health given the current state of the epidemic and the need for a sustained response; and

WHEREAS, the Monterey County Director of Public Health has determined that MCDPH cannot comply with the CDC's guidance without immediate action beyond the County's ordinary response capabilities, including directing personnel and resources from other County departments to assist with the ongoing and developing threat of COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2020, the State of California, and Governor Gavin Newsom, Proclaimed a State of Emergency and ordered and waived the 60-day time period in Government Code 8630, within which local government authorities must renew a local emergency, as the local emergency will remain in effect until each local governing authority terminates its local emergency; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid conditions warrant and necessitate the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency and immediate action is necessary to mitigate public calamity, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors in and for the County of Monterey, that a Proclamation of Existence of a Local Emergency is hereby proclaimed and ordered to be issued on March 10, 2020, and the execution of emergency contracts and emergency actions taken to respond to the emergency are hereby authorized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, during the existence of said local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the County Administrative Officer, County Health Officer, and the Emergency Organization of this County are as prescribed by State law and the ordinances, resolutions, and approved plans of the County of Monterey in order to mitigate the effects of said local emergency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, pursuant to Public Contract Code Sections 20134, 22050, and 20395, the Resource Management Agency (RMA) Director and the Public Works Director or their designees, are authorized to engage independent contractors to complete all necessary work to mitigate the effects of said local emergency. Contracts for this work may be executed without prior Board approval of the plans, specifications, and working details, and without giving notice for bids to let contracts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said local emergency exists in accordance with Section 2.68.060 of the Monterey County Code and Section 8630(b) of the Government Code.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of March 2020, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Supervisors

NOES:

ABSENT:

I, Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book___ for the meeting on March 12, 2019.

Dated: Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Monterey, State of California

By _____, Deputy

