

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

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY IN  
SIERRA COUNTY AS A RESULT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC VIRUS**

**RESOLUTION 2020-034**

**RECITALS**

- 1) **WHEREAS**, The California Emergency Services Act, including but not limited to Government Code Section 8630 and the Sierra County Code, Chapter 8.16-Emergency Organization, authorizes the Board of Supervisors when in session, to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a “local emergency” as defined; and,
- 2) **WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization on January 30, 2020, declared the COVID-19 outbreak a public health emergency of international concern and on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services declared a Public Health Emergency for the United States; and,
- 3) **WHEREAS**, on March 4, 2020 the Governor of the State of California proclaimed s State of Emergency related to the COVID-19 outbreak, which among other things, directed the California Office of Emergency Services to provide assistance to Local Government; and,
- 4) **WHEREAS**, the Sierra County Medical Operational Area Council directed that the County Public Health Department Operational Center be activated to a Level I as of March 2, 2020 and upgraded to a Level II as of March 16, 2020; and,
- 5) **WHEREAS**, the President of the United States on March 13, 2020 made a National Emergency Declaration on the COVID-19 pandemic and this emergency declaration includes all States, Territorial, Local, and Tribal Governments in the United States; and,
- 6) **WHEREAS**, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has determined that the COVID-19 virus presents a serious public health threat, requiring coordination among Federal, State, and Local Agencies and Public Health Departments to ensure readiness for potential health threats associated with the virus; and,
- 7) **WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors finds that conditions of extreme peril to the health and safety of persons and property have further arisen within the County of Sierra, caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, resulting in a significant diversion and exhaustion of resources, budget, facilities, and personnel of Local Government and is resulting in severe economic impact to the County; and,
- 8) **WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors finds that isolation of communities, exhaustion of local resources, the increasing and long-term damages and impacts caused by the COVID-19 pandemic as well as future damages and impacts yet to be determined are certain to be in existence and these present and future responses and assessments have diverted local resources from day to day operations beyond the control of personnel, services, equipment and budget of Sierra County; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED** pursuant to Government Code, Section 8630 of the California Emergency Services Act, and Sierra County Code, Chapter 8.16-Emergency Organization, a local state of emergency exists within and throughout Sierra County and the conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons residing and working in the County of Sierra has arisen caused by the COVID-19 pandemic; has exhausted local resources, personnel, facilities and budget; and, has severely impacted the ability of the County of Sierra to provide its most basic governmental and extended public services.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, by means of this declaration, the County Director of Emergency Services, the County Health Officer, and the County Director of Health and Human Services are directed to coordinate services and response and are hereby authorized to use and employ the functions, powers, and duties prescribed and authorized in Chapter 8.16 of the Sierra County Code, including use of the any of the property, services, personnel and resources of the County to help mitigate this emergency.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, based upon the extraordinary measures that the County of Sierra has undertaken as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Sierra County Board of Supervisors is requesting a California Office of Emergency Services concurrence, a California Gubernatorial Concurrence, and a Presidential Concurrence that together or independently, affords access to and assistance to the California Disaster Assistance Act, the Federal Stafford Act, and any other Federal or State sources of financial aid, resources, and services.

**ADOPTED**, by the Sierra County Board of Supervisors on March 20, 2020 by the following vote:

**AYES:** Supervisors Adams, Huebner, Roen, Dryden and Beard  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None  
**ABSENT:** None

SIERRA COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



Jim Beard  
Chairman of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



David Prentice  
County Counsel

ATTEST:



Heather Foster  
Clerk of the Board