

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**IN THE MATTER OF RATIFYING
PROCLAMATION OF THE EXISTENCE
OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY CAUSED BY
THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**

RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, Government Code, Sections 8558 and 8630, et seq., and Chapter 12 of the Santa Barbara County Code empower the Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when the County is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity and the Board of Supervisors is not in session, subject to ratification by the Board of Supervisors within seven days; and

WHEREAS, a novel coronavirus, COVID-19, causes infectious disease and was first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China in December 2019. Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, and shortness of breath; outcomes have ranged from mild to severe illness, and in some cases death. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention considers the virus to be a very serious public health threat; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom declared a state of emergency for conditions caused by COVID-19; and on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, Governor Newsom and California Public Health state officials recommended that non-essential gatherings should be postponed or cancelled across the state at least until the end of March, in order to implement social distancing guidelines intended to protect all individuals, particularly those who are at higher risk for severe illness for COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, as of March 12, 2020 there were 198 confirmed COVID-19 cases in California of which 24 cases are from repatriation flights and 4 deaths; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the Health Officer of the County of Santa Barbara determined that there is an imminent and proximate threat to public health from the introduction of COVID-19 in the County of Santa Barbara, and declared a Local Health Emergency as a result; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, when the Board of Supervisors was not in session, pursuant to Government Code, Section 8558 and 8630, et seq., and Chapter 12 of the Santa Barbara County Code the Director of Emergency Services of the County of Santa Barbara proclaimed the existence of a local emergency within Santa Barbara County as a result of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the above described conditions are a threat to public health and create conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the County of Santa Barbara, which are, or are likely to be, beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities of the combined forces of Santa Barbara County Operational Area to combat; and

WHEREAS, these conditions warrant and necessitate that the County proclaim the existence of a local emergency in order to utilize all resources necessary to respond to and recover from the local emergency and receive any needed funding through the California Disaster Assistance Act and any other State and Federal funds that may be available or become available; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors finds these conditions of extreme peril warrant and necessitate the ratification of the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency with regards to the novel coronavirus COVID-19.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency as issued by the Director of Emergency Services of the County of Santa Barbara for the entire Operational Area of the County of Santa Barbara for the novel coronavirus COVID-19, is ratified by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the proclamation by the Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the County of Santa Barbara to be in a State of Emergency, is confirmed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that upon termination of the State Emergency, the Office of Emergency Management to return every 60-days for re-ratification of the Local Emergency until such time that the response and recovery conditions dictate otherwise.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California this _____ day of March 2020, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

Mona Miyasato
Clerk of The Board

**Chair, Board of Supervisors
County of Santa Barbara**

By _____
Deputy

Date: _____

Kelly Hubbard
Director
Office of Emergency Management

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Michael C. Ghizzoni
County Counsel

By _____

By _____
Deputy