

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

**IN THE MATTER OF TERMINATION
DECLARATION OF THE EXISTENCE OF
A LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY
CAUSED BY THE CORONAVIRUS
(COVID-19)**

RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, Section 101040 of the California Health and Safety Code authorizes the local health officer to take any preventative measure that may be necessary to protect and preserve public health from any public hazard during an emergency; and

WHEREAS, Section 101080 of the California Health and Safety Code authorizes the local health officer to declare a local health emergency in the Health Officer's jurisdiction, or areas thereof, whenever the health officer reasonably determines there is an imminent and proximate 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, SARS-CoV2 (COVID-19) caused severe 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 often leading to respiratory failure; outcomes have ranged from relatively mild to very severe illness, and in some cases death. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention considered 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 measures intended to protect all individuals, particularly those who are at higher risk for severe illness from infection with the SARS-CoV2 virus; and

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WHEREAS, as of March 12, 2020, there were 198 confirmed COVID-19 cases in California of which 24 cases were from repatriation flights as well as 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 17, 2020, the Board of Supervisors ratified the County Health Officer's Declaration of Local Health Emergency; and

WHEREAS, Section 7 of the California State Proclamation of Emergency dated March 4, 2020 waived the 30-day time period in Health and Safety Code section 101080 that otherwise required the Board to review the need for the continued existence of the Proclamation of Local Emergency at least every 30 days. Section 7 further allowed any local health emergency proclaimed to remain in effect until each local governing authority terminates its respective local health emergency. This waiver will no longer be in effect upon termination of the California State Proclamation of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, on February 28, 2023 the Governor of the State of California has announced to end the California State Proclamation of Emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 conditions continue to improve across the State of California and in the County of Santa Barbara as cases and rate of community transmission have steadily declined; and

WHEREAS, the emergency powers necessary to respond to COVID-19, such as utilization of Disaster Service Workers, expedited contracting, and marshalling of supplies and services are no longer necessary to address COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, should COVID-19 conditions change such that cases and rate of community transmission increase, and hospitalizations rise to a level that there is a significant danger to the health and safety of the community and the ability to provide adequate healthcare rising to the level of an imminent and proximate threat to public health a new Local Health Emergency will need to be declared.

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NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HERBY DECLARED AND ORDERED that the conditions of imminent and proximate threat to public health warranting the Declaration of Local Health Emergency caused by COVID-19 no longer exist; and

IT IS FURTHER DECLARED AND ORDERED that the Declaration of Local Health Emergency dated March 12, 2020 caused by COVID-19 is terminated by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 28th day of February, 2023 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

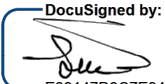
ABSENT:

DAS WILLIAMS, CHAIR
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:
MONA MIYASATO
CLERK OF THE BOARD

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
RACHEL VAN MULLEM
COUNTY COUNSEL

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MOUHANAD HAMMAMI
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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