

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

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**WHEREAS**, California Health and Safety Code section 101040 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 jurisdiction, or areas thereof, whenever the local 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, 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 3 deaths; and

**WHEREAS**, the local health officer finds that based on the foregoing and out of abundance of caution, there is an imminent and proximate threat of the introduction of COVID-19 in the County of Santa Barbara and a need to protect those most at risk; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 12, 2020 the County of Santa Barbara Health Officer declared a local health emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors finds there is an imminent and proximate threat of the introduction of COVID-19 in the County of Santa Barbara and a threat to the public health of the County residents.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED** that the declaration of the local health emergency as ordered by the local health officer with regards to COVID-19 is ratified by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara; and

**IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED** that upon termination of the State Emergency, the local health officer to return every 30-days for re-ratification of the Local Health 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

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

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Van Do-Reynoso, MPH, PHD  
Director of Public Health

Henning Ansorg, MD  
Health Officer

By \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michael C. Ghizzoni  
County Counsel

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy