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**RESOLUTION 2020-10**

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING AN EMERGENCY  
AS A RESULT OF CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19),  
SHOSHONE COUNTY, STATE OF IDAHO**

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19, is a respiratory disease caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which is a new strain of coronavirus that had not been previously identified in humans and can easily spread from person to person, which can result in serious illness or death thereby threatening widespread and/or severe damage to life or property thereby creating an "emergency" as defined by Idaho Code § 46-1002; and

**WHEREAS**, the CDC identifies the potential public health threat posed by COVID-19 both globally and in the United States as "high", and has advised that person-to-person spread of COVID-19 will continue to occur globally, including within the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 30, 2020, the International Health Regulations Emergency Committee of the World Health Organization declared the outbreak a "public health emergency of international concern"; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 31, 2020, Health and Human Services Secretary Alex M. Azar II declared a public health emergency for the United States to aid the nation's healthcare community in responding to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020, The World Health Organization (WHO) made the assessment that COVID-19 can be characterized as a pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States issued an emergency declaration for the country in response to the increasing number of COVID-19 cases within the U.S.; and

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**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, Governor Brad Little entered a Proclamation and declared a State of Emergency in response to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) emergency in the State of Idaho; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare and the Idaho Health District issued recommendations for mass gatherings and public events in order to contain and slow the spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the Idaho Supreme Court of the State of Idaho issued an Order on March 13, 2020 to protect the health and safety of court employees, elected officials, and the public, and under Article V, Section 2 of the Constitution and the inherent powers of the Supreme Court, to issue guidelines to be implemented from Monday, March 16, 2020 to Friday, April 10, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, a local disaster emergency may be declared by the Board of County Commissioners within a political subdivision, pursuant to Idaho Code § 46-1011 and other relevant sections of Idaho Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the imminent threat of public health emergency is expected to affect Shoshone County's ability to protect, maintain, and deliver critical services to its citizens despite the best efforts of the County, Panhandle Health District No. 1, the municipalities within the County, and the Special Districts serving the citizens of Shoshone County;

**WHEREAS**, an emergency as defined by Idaho Code, Section 46-1002, is in existence in Shoshone County, which local county and private resources will be taxed to control, and State and Federal Assistance may be required, pursuant to Title 46, Chapter 10, Idaho Code, and other laws pertaining to disaster, emergencies, and assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, Shoshone County desires to take action in order to be proactive and help reduce the spread of this virus and encourages our community members and community businesses to do their part to prevent and limit the spreading of this virus;

**WHEREAS**, Section 46-1011, Idaho Code, authorizes Shoshone County, State of Idaho, to declare a local disaster emergency to authorize the furnishing of aid assistance and to activate response and recovery aspects of any applicable local or intergovernmental disaster emergency plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Shoshone County Board of County Commissioners concur in the initial declaration of an emergency by the Board and/or Chairman;

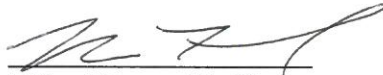
**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Shoshone Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim and declare a local disaster emergency in the County of Shoshone, Idaho. All County departments are directed to utilize County resources as follows:

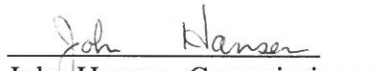
1. A disaster emergency is imminent within Shoshone County, resulting from the occurrence and imminent threat to public health and safety arising from the effects of COVID-19.
2. Such disaster may require state assistance to supplement local efforts to provide for public safety and the protection of property and to avert and lessen the threat and impact of the disaster.
3. The Shoshone County Board of Commissioners requests that the Governor of the State of Idaho, together with other appropriate state officials, make such declarations, and provide assistance within Shoshone County as is required and allowed by law.
4. To take immediate action and other reasonably necessary steps to prevent and limit the spreading of COVID-19, including, but not limited to activation of the County's Disaster Management Plan and Emergency Operations Center.
5. The County recommends the Public follow the same recommendations of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare and that of the Public Health District by postponing or cancelling mass gatherings and public events that meet the criteria noted above.


**AND THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, this Resolution shall remain in effect until such time that the Governor of the State of Idaho declares and proclaims the end to such emergency, or upon further resolution of the Board of County of Commissioners.

Adopted unanimously, in open session this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2020.

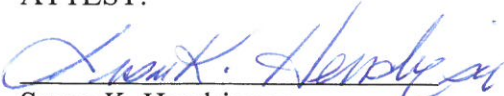
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