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# NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Minh Tran - County Executive Officer

County Executive Office

**REPORT BY:** Helene Franchi, Deputy County Executive Officer - 253-4820

SUBJECT: Adoption of Resolution ratifying a local health emergency related to COVID-19

## **RECOMMENDATION**

County Executive Officer acting as the Director of Emergency Services requests adoption of a resolution ratifying and continuing a Proclamation of a Local Health Emergency related to COVID-19.

# **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

California Health and Safety Code 101080 confers upon the local health officer emergency powers necessary to protect public health and safety. By proclamation and declaration on March 12, 2020, Dr. Karen Relucio, the Napa County Public Health Officer, proclaimed the existence of a local health emergency due to the imminent and proximate threat to public health from the introduction of COVID-19 in Napa County. The Board of Supervisors must ratify the proclamation and declaration. Based on Governor Newsom's Proclamation of a State of Emergency, the review periods specified under various Code sections have been waived.

#### FISCAL & STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? Yes
Is it currently budgeted? No

What is the revenue source? Due to the declaration of local emergency, the County may be eligible

for funding to mitigate emergency activities.

Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?

Mandatory

Is the general fund affected? Yes

Future fiscal impact: The future impact is unclear at this time.

Consequences if not approved: If the resolution is not approved, the County may not be able to obtain

Federal and/or State funds to provide public and individual assistance

possibly made available.

County Strategic Plan pillar addressed: Healthy, Safe, and Welcoming Place to Live, Work, and Visit

Livable Economy for All

Vibrant and Sustainable Environment Effective and Open Government

Additional Information:

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

## BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) began responding to an outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a new coronavirus that was first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China in December 2019 and has now been detected in at least 114 countries. The disease name has been abbreviated to COVID-19. CDC considers COVID-19 a very serious public health threat because much is unknown. The number of reported cases has escalated dramatically over a short period of time. As of March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) made the assessment that COVID-19 can be characterized as a pandemic.

On February 26, 2020, a patient in Solano County with no known travel to affected areas was diagnosed with COVID-19 and may be the first case of community-acquired COVID-19 in the United States. Cases of COVID-19 have also been identified in other Bay Area counties and there have been four deaths in California. There have been ongoing disease outbreaks in long-term care facilities and congregate settings of people at risk for complications of COVID-19 disease.

On March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom proclaimed a state of emergency in California. The United States has announced travel restrictions from certain European nations, the National Basketball Association has suspended its season, and events are being canceled or postponed across California. By proclamation and declaration on March 12, 2020, Dr. Karen Relucio, the Napa County Public Health Officer, proclaimed the existence of a local health emergency due to the imminent and proximate threat to public health from the introduction of COVID-19 in Napa County.

Today's action will ratify the proclamation of a local emergency through March 31, 2020.

# **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

- A. Resolution
- B. Proclamation

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Helene Franchi