

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-03-035**

A RESOLUTION DECLARING A DISASTER AS A RESULT OF THE PANDEMIC DECLARED BY THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION FOR CORONAVIRUS, AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the 2019 novel Coronavirus (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; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19, can result in serious illness or death; and

WHEREAS, the worldwide detection of COVID-19, including in the United States and in Idaho, has progressed to a pandemic declared by the World Health Organization on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the widespread and severe damage to life or property caused by COVID-19 constitutes a “disaster” and an “emergency”, as those terms are defined in Idaho Code § 46-1002; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Idaho Governor Brad Little issued a proclamation declaring a state of emergency, as described in Idaho Code § 46-1002, exists in the State of Idaho due to the occurrence and imminent threat to public health and safety arising from the effects of COVID-19 (“Governor’s Proclamation”); and

WHEREAS, the Governor’s Proclamation states that the area threatened by the emergency and the area subject to such proclamation includes the State of Idaho; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Idaho Code §46-1008(3), the Governor’s Proclamation: (1) activated the disaster response and recovery aspects of the State, local, and intergovernmental disaster emergency plans throughout the State of Idaho, including the Emergency Operations Plan of Nez Perce County and the City of Lewiston; (2) authorized the deployment and use of

any forces to which such plans apply; and (3) authorized use and distribution of any supplies, equipment, materials, and facilities assembled, stockpiled, or arranged to be made available pursuant to the Idaho Disaster Preparedness Act of 1975, amended by the Idaho Homeland Security Act of 2004, or any other provision of law relating to disaster emergencies; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Idaho Code §46-1011, the Board of County Commissioners may declare a local disaster emergency within Nez Perce County, the effect of which is to activate the response and recovery aspects of any and all applicable local or intergovernmental disaster emergency plans and to authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance thereunder; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article II of the Idaho Constitution, Nez Perce County may make and enforce within its limits all such ordinances and regulations necessary to preserve the public health and safety of its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Idaho Code §67-2808 (1), the Nez Perce County Board of Commissioners may declare that an emergency exists and that the public interest and necessity demands the immediate expenditure of public money if there is a great public calamity, such as an epidemic, or it is necessary to do emergency work to safeguard life, health, or property, which declaration then authorizes the County of Nez Perce to expend any sum required in the emergency without compliance with formal bidding and procurement procedures; and

WHEREAS, the County of Nez Perce is taking action to provide leadership for our community in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1: The Nez Perce County Board of Commissioners, State of Idaho, declare that a local disaster emergency exists within Nez Perce County, State of Idaho.

Section 2: The nature of the local disaster emergency is the occurrence and imminent threat to public health and safety arising from the effects of the declared pandemic COVID-19.

Section 3: The plan and procedures of the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) of Nez Perce County are to be implemented.

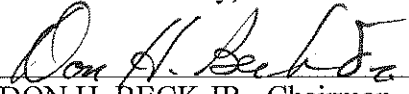
Section 4: Aid and assistance are authorized to be furnished as articulated in the EOP.


Section 5: The Board of County Commissioners consents to an automatic renewal of this resolution in seven (7) day increments under such time as the local disaster emergency is determine terminated.

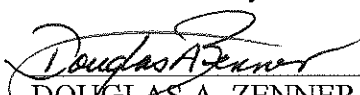
Section 6: This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

This Resolution is duly approved and adopted by the Board of Nez Perce County Commissioners on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

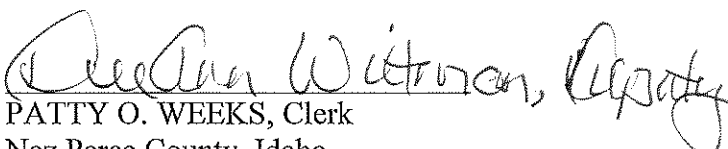
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