

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HOOD RIVER COUNTY, OREGON**

IN THE MATTER OF DECLARING)
A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY) RESOLUTION NO. 2323
IN HOOD RIVER COUNTY CONCERNING)
CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19))

WHEREAS, ORS 401.305 provides authority for Hood River County to act as an emergency management agency, including authority to establish policies and protocols for defining and directing responsibilities during time of emergency; and

WHEREAS, Title 13, Chapter 13.08 of the Hood River County Code and the Hood River County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) authorize the Hood River County Board of Commissioners to declare a state of emergency within the County and to establish procedures to prepare for and carry out activities which are necessary to prevent, minimize, respond to, or recover from an emergency; and

WHEREAS, there is a global pandemic from the novel coronavirus causing the illness known as COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the presence of COVID-19 constitutes a high potential threat to public health, which is known to spread person-to-person through coughing, sneezing and close personal contact. As of March 15, 2020, there were 39 cases in Oregon, 182 pending cases for people under investigation, and 355 people being monitored.

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2020, Governor Kate Brown signed Executive Order No. 20-03, declaring a statewide emergency due to COVID-19 outbreak in Oregon; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States issued a Proclamation declaring a national emergency concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Outbreak; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak as a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the following disruption of important services, damage to life, or damage to property can be expected in association with COVID-19: (a) COVID-19 is expanding worldwide including a declared global pandemic and declared outbreak in Oregon; (b) County resources will be needed to respond to this threat to keep the public informed and as safe as possible; (c) resources related to contact tracing, disease investigation and prevention, continuity of operations, community information and response coordination, and funding are expected to be exhausted; and

WHEREAS, the President's Proclamation and Governor's Executive Order have made additional resources available; and

WHEREAS, all of Hood River County is affected by COVID-19 and the response to the illness.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE HOOD RIVER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HEREBY RESOLVES AND DECLARES:

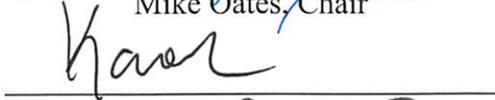
1. Pursuant to ORS 401.309, Title 13, Chapter 13.08 and the Hood River County EOP, the Board of Commissioners for Hood River County formally declares a state of emergency for Hood River County, effective this 8th day of March, 2020, and continuing through June 30, 2020, unless extended or terminated by the Board of Commissioners.
2. Upon this declaration of a state of emergency, the Board of Commissioners shall be authorized to take and/or direct such actions and issue such orders as are determined to be necessary to protect the public and property and to efficiently conduct activities that minimize or mitigate the effect of the emergency as authorized by ORS 401.309, the Hood River County Code and EOP.
3. The County Administrator, Local Public Health Administrator and Emergency Manager shall take all necessary steps authorized by law to coordinate response and recovery from this emergency including, but not limited to, coordinating with the State of Oregon and federal government in order to qualify Hood River County for all available state and federal emergency assistance, use of shared resources, assistance from state and federal agencies, and financial assistance and reimbursements.
4. Emergency procurements of goods and services are authorized pursuant to ORS 279B.080, ORS 279C.335(6), ORS 279.380(4) and Hood River County contracting rules.
5. This Resolution shall be transmitted to the Oregon Office of Emergency Management.

DATED this 17th day of March, 2020

HOOD RIVER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Mike Oates, Chair



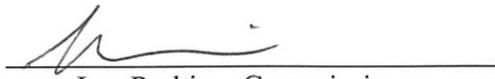
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