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March 6, 2020

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County Administration Building
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**SUBJECT: ADOPT A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE DECLARATION OF A LOCAL HEALTH
EMERGENCY BY THE COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER RELATED TO THE 2019 NOVEL
CORONAVIRUS**

Dear Board Members:

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution ratifying the Declaration of a Local Health Emergency by the County Health Officer related to the 2019 Novel Coronavirus

DISCUSSION/SUMMARY

In December 2019, an outbreak of a respiratory illness due to a novel coronavirus (a disease known as 2019 Novel Coronavirus or COVID-19) was first identified in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China. Since then, the outbreak has spread to more than 75 countries, including the United States. As of March 5, 14 California counties have had at least one citizen infected with the virus. The County of Alameda is among those counties, as are several Bay Area counties including Contra Costa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano, and Sonoma.

The United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) considers COVID-19 to present a very serious threat to public health. On January 23, 2020, the CDC activated its Emergency Response System to provide ongoing support for the response to COVID-19 across the United States. On January 31, 2020, the Secretary of the US Department of Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency in the United States.

As of March 6, 2020, the CDC has identified 164 confirmed cases of COVID-19 infection, across 19 states, including 45 in California. The number of reported cases has escalated dramatically, with more than 94,000 confirmed cases and more than 3,300 deaths worldwide.

On March 1, 2020, the California Department of Public Health confirmed that an Oakland resident had become infected with COVID-19 after providing healthcare to the Solano County COVID-19 patient. Two days later, an individual in Berkeley also tested positive for COVID-19 Infection.

California Health and Safety Code section 101080 allows a local health officer to declare a local health emergency in the health officer's jurisdiction, or any part thereof, "whenever the health officer reasonably determines that 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." On March 1, 2020, Alameda County Interim Health Officer Erica Pan, MD, MPH, FAAP declared a local health emergency. Dr. Pan found that with "multiple cases of COVID-19 and evidence of community transmission in the region, there is an ongoing risk and likelihood of additional COVID-19 positive patients and community spread in the County of Alameda." Dr. Pan renewed this declaration of emergency on March 5, 2020.

The declaration of a local health emergency provides the following benefits: it allows other jurisdictions and state agencies to provide mutual aid; it allows the extraordinary costs of providing mutual aid to be a legal charge against the state; and it provides immunity to healthcare providers who render aid during the emergency. The declaration also provides the local Health Officer with the authority to exercise the full range of her power to protect the community's public health, which includes issuance and enforcement of orders for quarantine and isolation.

Under section 101080, your Board is required to ratify the Health Officer's declaration of emergency. Ordinarily, your Board would need to renew this ratification every thirty (30) days; however, on March 4, 2020, California Governor Gavin Newsom issued a Proclamation of a State of Emergency relating to the COVID-19 outbreak that included a waiver of the renewal requirement: "The 30-day time period in Health & Safety Code section 101080, within which a local governing authority must renew a local health emergency, is hereby waived for the duration of this statewide emergency. Any such local health emergency will remain in effect until each local governing authority terminates its respective local emergency." The Governor similarly waived the renewal requirement for a declaration of local emergency.

VISION 2026 GOAL

This Resolution meets the 10X goal pathway of **Healthcare for All** in support of our shared visions of **Safe and Livable Communities**, **Thriving and Resilient Population**, and **Healthy Environment**.

Sincerely,

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Colleen Chawla, Director
Health Care Services Agency

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA RATIFYING THE DECLARATION OF LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY BY THE COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER RELATED TO THE 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS

WHEREAS, California Health and Safety Code section 101080 authorizes a local health officer to declare a local health emergency in the health officer's jurisdiction, or any part thereof, whenever the health officer reasonably determines that there is an imminent and proximate threat of the introduction of any contagious, infectious, or communicable disease, chemical agent, non-communicable biological agent, toxin, or radioactive agent; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2020 and again on March 5, 2020, the County's Health Officer declared a local health emergency based on an imminent and proximate threat to public health from the introduction of a novel coronavirus (named COVID-19) in the County of Alameda; and

WHEREAS, under Health and Safety Code section 101080, the local health emergency shall not remain in effect for more than seven (7) days unless ratified by the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors hereby finds that there continues to exist an imminent and proximate threat to public health from the introduction of COVID-19 in the County for reasons set forth in the declaration of local health emergency by the County's Health Officer, dated March 5, 2020;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Alameda as follows:

Section 1 – The local health emergency declared by the County's Health Officer on March 5, 2020 is hereby ratified. Under authority granted by California Governor Gavin Newsom in a Proclamation of a State of Emergency issued on March 4, 2020, this declaration of local emergency shall remain in effect until the Board of Supervisors determines that the emergency condition no longer exists.

Section 2 – The Board of Supervisors hereby delegates to the County's Health Officer authority to terminate the local health emergency, pursuant to Health & Safety Code section 101080 "at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant the termination."

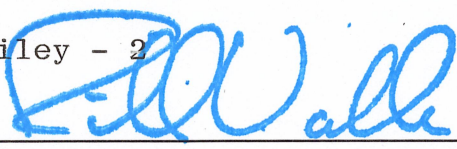
Section 3 – All County departments and agencies take those actions, measures, and steps deemed necessary to assure the health, safety, and welfare of County citizens and property, including requesting mutual aid to the extent such aid is necessary.

The foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Alameda, State of California, at a regular meeting of the Board on the 10 day of March, 2020 by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Carson, Haggerty and President Valle - 3

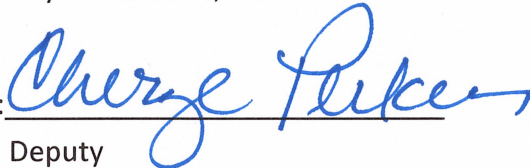
NOES: None

EXCUSED: Supervisors Chan and Miley - 2



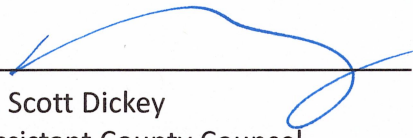
Richard Valle, President of the Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors,
County of Alameda, State of California

By: 

Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Donna R. Ziegler, County Counsel

By: 

K. Scott Dickey
Assistant County Counsel

DECLARATION OF A LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY

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WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a contagious, infectious, or communicable disease;

WHEREAS, the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency on January 31, 2020, for the United States;

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced on February 25, 2020, that community spread of COVID-19 is likely to occur in the United States;

WHEREAS, the first confirmed case of COVID-19 has now been identified in the County of Alameda;

WHEREAS, the Governor Gavin Newsom issued a Proclamation of a State of Emergency on March 4, 2020 for California;

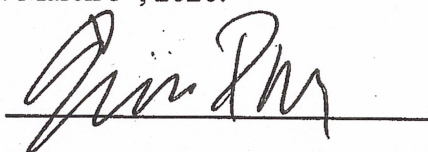
WHEREAS, based on the United States Department of Health and Human Services declaration and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention statements, and multiple cases of COVID-19 and evidence of community transmission in the region, there is an ongoing risk and likelihood of additional COVID-19 positive patients and community spread in the County of Alameda;

WHEREAS, based on the foregoing, the Health Officer of Alameda County does hereby find that there is an imminent and proximate threat of the introduction and spread of COVID-19 in the County of Alameda and a threat to the public health of the residents of the County of Alameda;

THEREFORE, the County Health Officer hereby declares a renewal of a local health emergency originally declared on March 1st, 2020 throughout the County of Alameda;

IT IS SO DECLARED, on this date: March 5th, 2020.

BY:



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Title: Interim Health Officer

Public Health Department, County of Alameda

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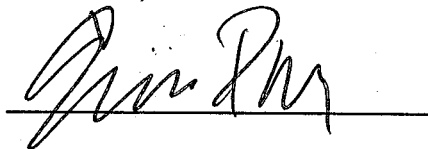
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