

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF KINGS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING
A LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO SPREAD
OF THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) /

RESOLUTION NO. 20-014

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 8630 authorizes the Board of Supervisors to proclaim an emergency when the County of Kings (“County”) is threatened by conditions of disaster, or extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the County that are, or are likely to be, beyond the control of the County’s services, personnel, equipment, and facilities;

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus (referred to as “COVID-19”) is a highly contagious, infectious, and communicable disease that was first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China, in December 2019 with symptoms that include fever, cough, and shortness of breath, and with outcomes that range from mild to severe illness and, in some cases, death;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has now spread from China to more than 146 locations internationally, including the United States and the State of California with the number of reported cases escalating dramatically over a short period;

WHEREAS, as of March 12, 2020, California has 183 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and three fatalities, with approximately 11 cases being associated with community transmission;

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization (“WHO”) declared the outbreak a “public health emergency of international concern”;

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) has determined that the virus presents a serious public health threat;

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services (“HHS”) declared a national public health emergency;

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom (“Governor”) declared a state of emergency regarding the spread of COVID-19 in California;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump (“President”) declared a National Emergency;

WHEREAS, while there are no known cases of COVID-19 in Kings County as of the signing of this proclamation, surrounding counties are reporting cases of COVID-19 and there is an imminent and proximate threat of an outbreak in the County;

WHEREAS, this proclamation enables the County to more effectively respond to an imminent outbreak, seek and utilize mutual aid, potentially obtain reimbursement for emergency-related expenses, forego standard procurement practices, and ensure that the County's public health professionals and providers have all necessary personal protective equipment to provide quality care to keep the County safe; WHEREAS, the aforesaid conditions warrant and necessitate the proclamation of a local emergency and immediate action is necessary to mitigate a potential public calamity; and

WHEREAS, by proclamation dated March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom waived that portion of Government Code Section 8630 requiring the Board of Supervisors to review regularly the continuing need for a local emergency at least once every 60 days until the local emergency is terminated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

1. The Board of Supervisors for the County of Kings hereby declares a local emergency as defined in Government Code Section 8558.

2. The Board of Supervisors hereby directs the implementation of the County's Emergency Operations Plan and the activation of the Emergency Operations Center to monitor the rapidly changing situation and to be positioned to respond quickly if necessary.

3. During the pendency of this local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the County Board of Supervisors, County Administrative Officer or her designee, the Kings County Health Officer, the Kings County Public Health Department, and the Kings County Office of Emergency Services may be exercised with the greatest flexibility and to the fullest extent allowed under State and local law.

4. The Kings County Emergency Services Coordinator, the Kings County Health Department and the County Administrative Officer, or their designees, are hereby authorized to take all appropriate actions they deem necessary in response to this local emergency during its pendency, including but not limited to:

- Shifting staff from non-essential duties to essential duties on a volunteer basis and in coordination with the Unions;
- Authorizing telecommuting for all staff when feasible;

- Adjusting operational hours for County Departments to reduce pedestrian traffic on County property without substantially diminishing the availability of public services;
- Allowing maximum flexibility in staffing to accommodate health needs and family protection threatened by the emergency, while mitigating the economic impacts on County staff;
- Allowing additional flexibility and extending periods for Departments to evaluate employees regardless of restrictions and directions in County personnel policies;
- Implementing reevaluation of employee travel for essential purposes only;
- Exploring and establishing with Board of Supervisors' approval tele-meeting functionality for all Board meetings;
- Allowing employees to access and use leave balances beyond their traditional classifications and, when appropriate, allowing employees limited accrual of negative leave balances to accommodate needs for extended leave, within reason during the pendency of the emergency.

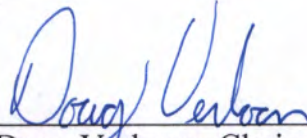
5. County officers and employees shall take all steps requested by the Director of Public Health and by the County Administrative Officer to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to prevent and alleviate illness or death due to the virus.

6. As designated disaster service workers, all Kings County employees shall be expected to report to work if called. If an employee is on leave pursuant to this emergency proclamation, the employee shall report to their Department head at least every 72 hours as directed.

7. Pursuant to Public Contract Code Sections 20134, 22050, and 20395, the Purchasing Manager, Director of Public Works, the County Administrative Officer, or their designees, are hereby authorized to engage independent contractors to complete all necessary work to mitigate the effects of the local emergency. Contracts for this work may be executed without prior Board approval of the plans, specifications, or working details, and without giving notice for bids to let contracts.

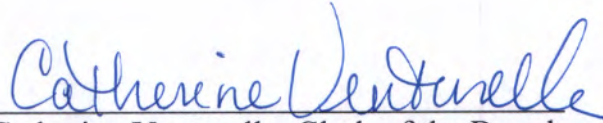
8. All County officers and employees shall take all steps requested by the Director of Public Health and the County Office of Emergency Services to qualify the County for reimbursement from the State (CalOES) or Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and for other State and federal relief as may be available to reimburse the County for its expenses in addressing this emergency.

AYES: Supervisors Pedersen, Valle, Neves, Verboon
NOES: None
ABSENT: Supervisor Fagundes
ABSTAIN: None



Doug Verboon, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors, County of Kings

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Board of Supervisors this 17th day of March,
2020.



Catherine Venturella, Clerk of the Board

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF KINGS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF RATIFYING
THE DECLARATION OF A LOCAL
HEALTH EMERGENCY REGARDING
NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID19) /

RESOLUTION NO. 20-013

WHEREAS, 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 an contagious, infectious, or communicable disease, chemical agent, noncommunicable biologic agent, toxin or radioactive agent;

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the County's Health Officer declared a local health emergency based on an imminent and proximate threat from the introduction and spread of COVID-19 into the County of Kings , such declaration being attached hereto as Exhibit A;

WHEREAS, pursuant 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;

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors hereby finds an imminent and proximate threat to public health continues to exist from Covid-19 spreading to Kings County; and

WHEREAS, by proclamation dated March 4, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom waived that portion of Health and Safety Code Section 101080 requiring the Board of Supervisors to review regularly the Public Health Officer's declaration of local health emergency at least every 30 days until the local health emergency is terminated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

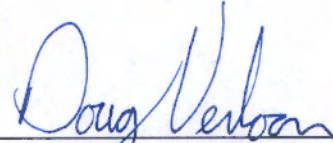
The Public Health Officer's declaration of emergency dated March 17, 2020, is hereby ratified and shall remain in effect until terminated by the Board of Supervisors.

The foregoing resolution was adopted upon motion by Supervisor Pedersen, seconded by Supervisor Valle at a special meeting held on the 17th day of March, 2020, by the following vote:

9. This Proclamation shall remain in effect until terminated by the Board of Supervisors.

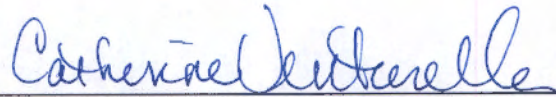
The foregoing resolution was adopted upon motion by Supervisor Pedersen, seconded by Supervisor Valle, at a regular meeting held on the 17th day of March, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Pedersen, Valle, Neves, Verboon
NOES: None
ABSENT: Supervisor Fagundes
ABSTAIN: None



Doug Verboon, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors, County of Kings

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Board of Supervisors this 17th day of March, 2020.



Catherine Venturella, Clerk of the Board