

RESOLUTION NO. 12-2020

COUNTY EMERGENCY DECLARATION RESOLUTION

**A RESOLUTION DELCARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY EXISTS IN
FERGUS COUNTY RELATED TO THE COMMUNICABLE DISEASE COVID-19
NOVEL CORONAVIRUS**

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 Novel Coronavirus a pandemic, and

WHEREAS, the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) recognizes COVID-19 as a threat to the residents of Montana, and

WHEREAS, the Montana Governor of Montana Steve Bullock has declared a State of Emergency related to this disease, and

WHEREAS, the Central Montana Health District (CMHD) also recognizes COVID-19 as a threat to the residents of Fergus County, and local response plans and protocols have been activated to prepare for the arrival of the virus, and

WHEREAS, the circumstances of this disease may exceed the capacity of the services, personnel, equipment, supplies and facilities within Fergus County and the mutual aid resources available, and

WHEREAS, the availability and utilization of all necessary County and mutual aid services, equipment, and suppliers under this declaration will further the efforts to protect the health and safety, lives, property, and resources of the people of Fergus County, and

WHEREAS, when Fergus County has a positive case of COVID-19 within the County it will exceed our local capacity,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commissioners that an Emergency is hereby declared pursuant to Section 10-3-402, MCA, because response to and recovery from this disease will exceed the financial capability of the County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that although costs including overtime and emergency actions may exceed the 2-mill levy amount, the County Commissioners have decided at this time not to levy the amount on the

taxpayers. Economic conditions and the impact of the disease on the community has determined this decision.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be filed with the County Clerk and Recorder, County Assessor and the Montana Disaster and Emergency Services Division in Helena.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 18 day of March, 2020.

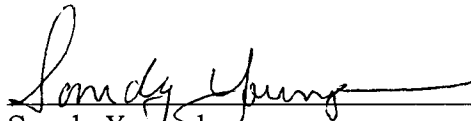
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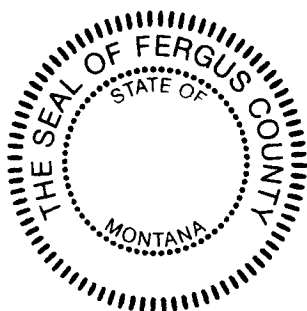
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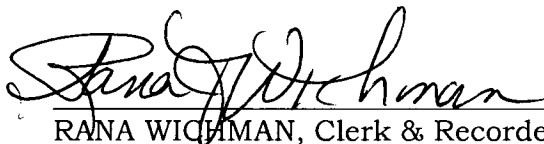
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RANA WICHMAN, Clerk & Recorder