

EMERGENCY DECLARATION 2020-01

A DECLARATION CONFIRMING A STATE OF DISASTER EXISTS FOR GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY

WHEREAS, there is a pandemic outbreak of Coronavirus (COVID-19); and on 3/12/2020 President Trump declared an ongoing emergency because of COVID-19 and on 3/13/2020 Governor Bullock declared a state of emergency in Montana related to COVID-19 with at least 16 confirmed cases currently in Montana, and

WHEREAS, Governor Bullock issued a directive to close all facilities with on-premises serving of food and liquor throughout the State on 3/20/2020, and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners acknowledge a majority of the population of Golden Valley County may be considered high-risk due to age, and assure the health, safety and welfare of all residents in Golden Valley County are of prime importance, and

WHEREAS, the County will commit all available resources to mitigating the impact of COVID-19 on Golden Valley County residents, and take all possible actions to mediate and resolve the situation, and

WHEREAS, local emergency medical resources are not adequate to respond to the situation and will quickly be outstripped should an outbreak occur.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commissioners that a state of disaster is hereby declared pursuant to Section 10-3-402, MCA, because expenditures and resources for responding to an outbreak will be beyond the physical and financial capacity of the County.

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

Resolved this 20th day of March, 2020

ATTEST:


Brent Nice, Clerk and Recorder

Kevin Peterson, County Attorney

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