

PETROLEUM COUNTY RESOLUTION #2020-02

A RESOLUTION DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN PETROLEUM COUNTY DUE TO
OUTBREAK OF COVID-19 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS A PANDEMIC

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

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, United States Health & Human Services Secretary, Alex M. Azar, declared a public health emergency for the entire United States to aid the nation's healthcare community in responding to COVID-19;

WHEREAS, as of March 10, 2020, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) indicates there are over 125,000 confirmed cases of COVID-19 worldwide with over 900 confirmed cases in the United States;

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

WHEREAS, the preparation for an epidemic of COVID-19 by local health services began on March 2nd, 2020 incurring costs that have continued to accumulate; and

WHEREAS, the County will commit all available resources, and will take all possible action to combat and to alleviate the situation, local resources will not be adequate to cope with the situation.

WHEREAS, the Petroleum County Commissioners are empowered by Section 7-5- 2101 MCA, under such limitations and restrictions as are prescribed by law, to manage the business and concerns of Petroleum County, Montana, in such a manner and to such an extent as the Commission determines to be in the County's best interest;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commissioners that a Declaration of a Public Health Emergency is hereby declared pursuant to Section 10-3-402, MCA, because expenditures for response to this pandemic may go beyond the financial capability of the County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Petroleum County Commissioners are restricting access to the Petroleum County Courthouse and County buildings to the public, effective at 5 pm on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 until Friday, March 27, 2020 or until further resolution of the Board

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 ADOPTED this 17th day of March 2020.

SEAL



ATTEST

Janel Tucek

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