

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
POWELL COUNTY, MONTANA

RESOLUTION FOR POWELL COUNTY DISASTER DECLARATION - 2020

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**WHEREAS**, the Powell 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 Powell County, Montana, in such a manner and to such an extent as the Commission determines to be in the County's best interest;

**WHEREAS**, the Powell County Commission, pursuant to Section 10-3-402, MCA, may issue a disaster declaration by resolution whenever the Board of Commissioners determine a disaster is occurring or has occurred. A disaster declaration may be terminated when the Board of Commissioners determine that the disaster conditions no longer exist.

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of the State of Montana has declared a state of emergency in Montana regarding the onset and spread of the COVID-19 Coronavirus; and

**WHEREAS**, the Health and Human Services Secretary has declared a public health emergency for the United States. The Powell County Board of Commissioners as per the recommendation of the Powell County Public Health Officer, has determined that it is of the utmost importance to protect our citizens within the entire County of Powell, Montana from the spread of this disease by following the guidance of the Centers of Disease Control;

**WHEREAS**, by declaring a disaster declaration, the Powell County Board of Commissioners shall activate applicable parts of the local or interjurisdictional disaster and emergency plan and program and authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance in accordance with such plans and programs. When more information is available, the governing body shall estimate expenditures and levy additional emergency millage necessary to cover the expenditures.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Powell County Board of Commissioners hereby declares a Disaster, as defined in Section 10-3-103 MCA, until further resolution of the Powell County Board of Commissioners. All provisions of the Powell County Emergency Operations Plan are in full force and effect.


**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, this resolution shall be disseminated promptly by means calculated to bring its contents to the attention of the general public and shall be filed promptly with the division and the agency charged with recording the official records of the political subdivision pursuant to Section 10-3-404(2), MCA.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020.

BOARD OF POWELL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

  
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DANIEL G. SAGER, Presiding Officer  
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RALPH E. MANNIX, JR., Member  
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DOUG CRACHY, Member

ATTEST:

  
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JODY WALKER, Clerk and Recorder