BLAINE COUNTY DECLARATION OF DISASTER RESOLUTION NO. 2020-2

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 a pandemic. The Health and Human Services Secretary has declared a public health emergency for the United States. The Governor of the State of Montana has declared a state of emergency in Montana regarding the onset and spread of COVID-19;

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 and response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency within the Blaine County began on February 19, 2020 and continues; and

WHEREAS, proactively implementing mitigation measures to slow the spread of the pandemic is essential to ensure the health, safety and welfare of residents of the County; and

WHEREAS, the County will commit all available resources, and will take all possible actions to combat and to alleviate the situation,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Health Department and Emergency Management Department have activated response plans and protocols along with opening the Emergency Coordination Center for preparing for, responding to and recovering from this Public Health Pandemic Disaster and will continue to provide such support and assistance as necessary to protect the public health, welfare and safety of the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Blaine County Commission, pursuant to Section 10-3-402, MCA, may issue a disaster declaration by resolution whenever the principal executive officer determines a disaster is occurring or has occurred. A disaster declaration may be terminated when the principal executive officer determines that the disaster conditions no longer exist.

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 by the Blaine Board of County Commissioners this 19th day of March, 2020.

Blaine County Commissioners

Dolores Plumage, Chair
Frank DePriest, Commissioner
Miles G. Hutson, Commissioner

Attest:

Tammy Williams, Clerk & Recorder