RESOLUTION NO. 4093
EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Ravalli County Health Officer recognizes the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) as a threat to the residents and communities of Ravalli County; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Governor Bullock issued Executive Order No. 2-2020, declaring a state of emergency to exist in Montana related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, positive cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed in Montana; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19, a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death, is caused by SARS-CoV-2 Virus, which is a new strain of coronavirus that had not been previously identified in humans and can easily spread from person-to-person; and

WHEREAS, proactively implementing mitigation measures to slow the spread of the virus is in the best interests of Ravalli County and its residents and communities; and

WHEREAS, businesses, restaurants and bars, public venues, schools, and other non-profit and community organizations have voluntarily and proactively implemented actions such as social distancing, cleaning and sanitizing, and cancelling events to mitigate the spread of the virus in Ravalli County; and

WHEREAS, the current and expected conditions resulting from this outbreak have exceeded the capacity of the services, personnel, equipment, supplies and facilities of any single jurisdiction within Ravalli County and the combined forces of a mutual aid region or regions to combat; and

WHEREAS, 10-3-402 and 10-3-404 MCA require an emergency proclamation by the principal executive officer in order to activate applicable parts of the local emergency plan and to authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance in accordance with such plans and programs;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to 10-3-402 MCA, the RAVALLI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS does hereby proclaim that a state of emergency exists for Ravalli County.

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

BOARD OF RAVALLI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Chris Hoffman, Chairman

Jeff Burrows, Member

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