## RESOLUTION NO. 2022-32 RESOLUTION REGARDING TELE/VIDEO-CONFERENCE MEETINGS DURING THE COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom proclaimed pursuant to his authority under the California Emergency Services Act, California Government Code Section 8625, that a state of emergency exists with regard to a novel coronavirus (a disease now known as COVID-19); and

**WHEREAS**, on June 4, 2021, in lifting many restrictions that the State previously imposed due to COVID-19, the Governor indicated that those changes did not end the ongoing, proclaimed state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, as of the date of this Resolution, neither the Governor nor the Legislature have exercised their respective powers pursuant to California Government Code section 8629 to lift the state of emergency either by proclamation or by concurrent resolution in the state Legislature; and

**WHEREAS**, updated March 1, 2022, California Department of Public Health guidance continues to strongly recommend face coverings for all individuals in most indoor settings; and

WHEREAS, the continued local rates of transmission of the virus and unpredictable new variants causing COVID-19 are such that the Director of Health & Human Services has recommended that the County continue to emphasize social distancing in order to minimize the potential spread of COVID-19 during indoor, public meetings;

**WHEREAS,** in light of this recommendation, the Board of Supervisors desires to continue to have the flexibility, for itself and for all other county-affiliated legislative bodies (including, but not limited to the Planning Commission, the Personnel Commission and other subsidiary county bodies), to meet via tele/video conference.

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. The Board has reconsidered the circumstances of the COVID-19 state of emergency since the March 22, 2022, Board meeting.
- 2. There remains an ongoing proclaimed state of emergency relating to the novel coronavirus causing the disease known as COVID-19.
- 3. The state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of County legislative bodies to meet safely in person in situations where large gatherings are possible, presenting imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees.

4. Local officials continue to recommend, pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)(1), measures to promote social distancing, and, a result of that emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees at heavily attended in-person meetings of this legislative body.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held on this <u>26</u>th day of <u>April</u> 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:

SUPERVISORS Dennis Rodoni, Judy Arnold, Damon Connolly,

Stephanie Moulton-Peters, Katie Rice

NOES:

**NONE** 

ABSENT:

NONE

PRESIDENT, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST: