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Board of Supervisors
County of Marin
3501 Civic Center Drive
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SUBJECT: Board of Supervisors ratification of the need to proclaim a local health emergency in Marin County

Dear Board Members,

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the attached Resolution confirming the need to proclaim a local health emergency in Marin County.

SUMMARY: Since January 2020, Marin County has been impacted by a global outbreak of novel coronavirus (COVID-19). On January 30, 2020, the WHO Director-General declared the novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) outbreak a public health emergency of international concern; followed by a federal public health emergency declaration on January 31, 2020. On February 26, 2020 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) confirmed community transmission of COVID-10 in the Bay Area. Adults ages 65 years and older with co-morbidities are a greatest risk for severe COVID-19 disease, including pneumonia, hospitalizations, and death. With a significant percent of our population (28%) over 60 years old, Marin County's healthcare system will be challenged to meet the needs of the community as local transmission of COVID-19 begins in Marin County.

On March 3, 2020, Marin County's Public Health Officer proclaimed the existence of a local health emergency pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 101080 and Chapter 2.99 Section 35 of Marin County Municipal Code as COVID-19 poses a substantial present or potential hazard to human health and may cause significant social disruption unless immediately addressed and managed.

This declaration is subject to ratification by the Board of Supervisors within seven days and is subject to reaffirmation every 30 days thereafter until such local health emergency is terminated.

Respectfully submitted,

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