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RESOLUTION
DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY COVID-19 PANDEMIC

WHEREAS, on this 16th day of March, 2020, COVID-19 Pandemic has been impacting Whitman County and has the potential to adversely affect the health of all people in Whitman County; and,

WHEREAS, this new strain of coronavirus is affecting the elderly population in great numbers; and,

WHEREAS, the Director of Whitman County Public Health Department has reported to the Whitman County Board of Commissioners that COVID-19 has caused serious impacts to the health and well-being of the public and may overwhelm the health and medical system in Whitman County; and,

WHEREAS, the ability for the Emergency Medical System to provide resources to people in Whitman County is dependent on the ability of the County Health Officer and the County Emergency Medical Services, Medical Program Director to adjust the scope of practice which authorization is allowed when an emergency is officially declared; and,

WHEREAS, the conditions constitute an emergency for the County, necessitating activation of the Whitman County Comprehensive Management Plan and the utilization of emergency powers granted pursuant to RCW 36.40.180.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Whitman County, Washington does resolve as follows:

Section 1. There is hereby declared an emergency, as defined in the Whitman County Comprehensive Emergency Plan (Plan), due to the imminent spread of COVID-19 in Whitman County.

Section 2. Pursuant to the emergency declared in Section 1, County Departments and offices designated pursuant to the Plan, are authorized to enter into contracts and incur obligations necessary to combat such emergency and to protect the health and safety of the Citizens of the County, and provide emergency assistance to the victims of such emergency, consistent with the Plan.

Dated this 16th day of March, 2020 and effective as of this date.

ATTEST:

Connie Ellis
Maribeth Becker, CMC
Clerk of the Board
BY: Connie Ellis
Deputy Clerk of the Board

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