

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FOR CASSIA COUNTY, IDAHO**

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-015

AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CASSIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, STATE OF IDAHO, HELD THE 20TH DAY OF MARCH, 2020 THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION PROVIDING THAT THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD MAKES A LOCAL EMERGENCY DECLARATION DUE TO THE THREAT OF NOVEL CORONAVIRUS COVID-19 TO THE CITIZENS AND VISITORS TO CASSIA COUNTY; AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO CONTINUE THE DECLARATION BEYOND SEVEN (7) DAYS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE, WAS ADOPTED, TO-WIT:

WHEREAS, the President of the United States and the Governor of the state of Idaho have declared a health emergency related to the threat of Covid-19; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Idaho Code § 46-1011 the Chair of the Board of Cassia County Commissioners hereby declares an Emergency Declaration due to the threat of Novel Coronavirus COVID-19 on the 20th day March, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Idaho Code § 46-1011 allows the continuation of a declaration of a local disaster emergency beyond seven (7) days with the consent of the Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Idaho Code § 46-1002(2) defines "disaster" as the "imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from any natural or manmade cause, including but not limited to fire, flood, earthquake, windstorm, wave action, volcanic activity, explosion, riot, or hostile military or paramilitary action and including acts of terrorism;" and

WHEREAS, the imminent threat of widespread and severe harm to the health of residents and visitors to Cassia County, Idaho as addressed generally by the Centers for Disease Control and by actions of the Governor of the state of Idaho constitutes a "disaster"; and

WHEREAS, Idaho Code § 46-1002(3) provides that an “emergency” includes the imminent threat to life or property which requires state emergency assistance to supplement local efforts to protect well-being or property or to avert or lessen the threat of “disaster;” and

WHEREAS, the emergency referenced herein exists because the contagious nature and potentially serious consequences of the COVID-19 virus for residents and visitors to Cassia County, Idaho and requires State and Federal emergency assistance to supplement local efforts to protect life, health and property; and

WHEREAS, Idaho Code § 67-2808 authorizes the Board of County Commissioners for Cassia County, Idaho to declare an emergency and that the public interest and necessity may demand the immediate expenditure of public money without compliance with formal bidding procedures; and

WHEREAS, a continuing declaration activates the response and recovery aspects of applicable local or intergovernmental disaster emergency plans for the furnishing of aid and assistance; and

WHEREAS, an emergency declaration must be filed with the county recorder’s office and “given prompt and general publicity.”

BE IT NOW THEREFORE RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners for Cassia County, Idaho does hereby declare:

1. That the high threat of the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19 disease to the population continues to exist in Cassia County, Idaho, requiring State and Federal emergency assistance to supplement local efforts to protect life and property, and hereby consents to the continuation the Commission Chair’s Novel Coronavirus COVID-19 Emergency Declaration of March 20, 2020; and

2. That a Local Disaster Emergency exists and that all efforts will be made to protect the citizens and property of Cassia County, Idaho through activation of all local disaster emergency plans and state emergency assistance; and

3. That this Local Disaster Emergency shall continue until the Centers for Disease Control and the Governor of the state of Idaho sound an end to the emergency and the Board of Commissioners for Cassia County, Idaho expressly authorizes the discontinuance of such Declaration; and

4. That this Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency (“Declaration”) shall be promptly filed with the Cassia Recorder’s Office; and

5. That prompt and general publicity shall be given by a press release notifying the public of this Declaration.

6. That this resolution shall be of full force and effect upon signatures being affixed below.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 20th day of March, 2020.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FOR CASSIA COUNTY, IDAHO

By: /s/ Leonard M. Beck
Leonard M. Beck, Chair

ATTEST:
Joseph W. Larsen, Clerk

By: /s/ Heather Evans
Deputy Clerk