



**Resolution No. 2020-31**  
**DISASTER EMERGENCY DECLARATION**  
**COVID-19**

WHEREAS, worldwide detection of the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19), including in the United States of America, has progressed to a pandemic declared by the World Health Organization on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Brad Little, Governor of the State of Idaho, by Proclamation found, proclaimed, and declared the existence of a state of emergency as a result of the occurrence and imminent threat to public health and safety arising from the effects of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Panhandle Health District No. 1., a special district serving on behalf of its participant counties, is acting in partnership with Kootenai County, local public and private medical care providers, and local responder organizations to plan for, implement, and mitigate the impact of said COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the imminent threat of public health emergency is expected to affect Kootenai County's ability to protect, maintain, and deliver critical services to its citizens despite the best efforts of the County, Panhandle Health District No. 1, the municipalities within the County, and the Special Districts serving the citizens of Kootenai County; and

WHEREAS, an emergency as defined by Idaho Code, Section 46-1002, is in existence in Kootenai County, which local county and private resources will be taxed to control, and State and Federal assistance may be required, pursuant to Title 46, Chapter 10, Idaho Code, and other laws pertaining to disaster, emergencies, and assistance; and

WHEREAS, Section 46-1011, Idaho Code, authorizes Kootenai County, State of Idaho, to declare a local disaster emergency to authorize the furnishing of aid an assistance and to activate the response and recovery aspects of any applicable local or intergovernmental disaster emergency plan; and

WHEREAS, the chairman of the Board of County Commissioners may declare a disaster emergency on behalf of the County for seven (7) days as stated in Idaho Code Section 46-1011(1); and

WHEREAS, Chairman Chris Fillios finds that an emergency, as defined by Section 46-1002, Idaho Code, is in existence in Kootenai County, which local county and private resources will be being taxed to address and control and State assistance may be required, pursuant to title 46, chapter 10, Idaho Code, and other state laws pertaining to disaster, emergencies and assistance; and

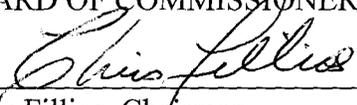
WHEREAS, the Kootenai County Board of Commissioners concurs with the Chairman's findings.

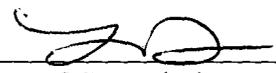
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED and declared by the Kootenai County Board of Commissioners as follows:

1. A disaster emergency exists within Kootenai County, resulting from the occurrence and imminent threat to public health and safety arising from the effects of COVID-19.
2. Such disaster may require state assistance to supplement local efforts to provide for public safety and the protection of property and to avert and lessen the threat and impact of the disaster.
3. The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners requests that the Governor of the State of Idaho, together with other appropriate state officials, make such declarations, and provide assistance within Kootenai County as is required and allowed by law.
4. The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners continues Resolution No. 2020-29, by which Chairman Chris Fillios declared a disaster emergency on behalf of the County on March 15, 2020.

Adopted, during a disaster emergency by the Kootenai County Board of Commissioners on this, the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

KOOTENAI COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

  
Chris Fillios, Chairman

  
Leslie Duncan, Commissioner

  
Bill Brooks, Commissioner



ATTEST  
JIM BRANNON,   
Deputy Clerk

C: Sandy Von Behren, Director, Office of Emergency Management  
Jamila Holmes, Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney  
Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security  
Office of the Governor, State of Idaho

Also: Present original to Kootenai County Recorder for recordation