

Resolution No. 2017-117
DISASTER EMERGENCY DECLARATION
Critical Intravenous Fluid Shortage

WHEREAS, repetitive storms in the southern United States have destroyed facilities that supply intravenous (IV) solutions to much of the United States; and

WHEREAS, ongoing shortages of IV fluids, and some medications, are expected to continue through the first quarter of 2018; and

WHEREAS, foreign IV solution manufacturers are unable to meet United States demand in addition to the demands of their own clients; and

WHEREAS, the Kootenai Hospital District considers IV fluids a limited and/or scarce resource and has taken steps to conserve IV fluids; however, the changes to administration of various medications increases staff time and increases the risk of errors; and

WHEREAS, an increased need for IV fluids presently exists to treat influenza and accidents caused by winter weather conditions; hospitals that would normally have accepted patients diverted from the Hospital District are presently also diverting patients due to the shortage; and

WHEREAS, the IV fluid shortage has affected the 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 Kootenai Hospital District, and other local hospitals; and

WHEREAS, an emergency as defined by Idaho Code, Section 46-1002, is in existence in Kootenai County, which local county and private resources are being 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, 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 Marc Eberlein finds that a disaster emergency, as defined by Section 46-1002, Idaho Code, is in existence in Kootenai County, which local county and private resources are being taxed to control and State and Federal 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 finds that a disaster emergency, as defined in Section 46-1002, Idaho Code, is in existence in Kootenai County, which local and private resources are being 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.

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 existing and imminent danger to public health and safety.
2. Such disaster may require State and Federal assistance to supplement local efforts to provide for public health and safety 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.

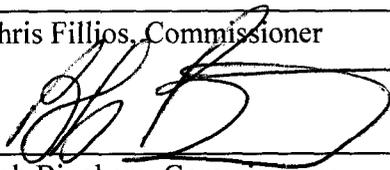
Adopted, during a disaster emergency by the Kootenai County Board of Commissioners on this, the 26 day of December, 2017.

KOOTENAI COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



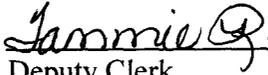
Marc Eberlein, Chairman

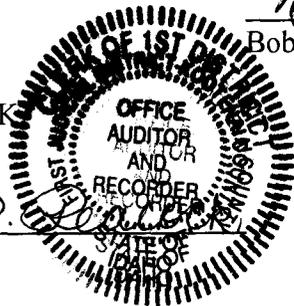
Chris Fillios, Commissioner



Bob Bingham, Commissioner

ATTEST:
JIM BRANNON, CLERK

By: 
Deputy Clerk



C: Sandy Von Behren, Director, Office of Emergency Management
Jamila Holmes, Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorneys
Ben Wolfinger, Kootenai County Sheriff
Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security
Office of the Governor, State of Idaho

Also: Present original to Kootenai County Recorder for recordation

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