

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

FOR MARION COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION No. 20R-4

In the Matter of Declaring a State)
of Emergency)

This matter came before the Board of Commissioners on March 16, 2020, involving an emergency situation created by the novel coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic which is threatening life, property, and the economy; and

WHEREAS, ORS 401.305 provides authority for Marion County to act as an emergency management agency, including authority to establish policies and protocols for defining and directing responsibilities during the time of emergency; and

WHEREAS, Marion County has enacted Marion County Code Chapter 2.35 pursuant to the authority granted by ORS Chapter 401 that provides for executive responsibility in times of emergency and specifically delegates authority to declare a state of emergency to the Marion County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the following conditions have resulted in the need for a state of emergency: There are currently two presumptive cases of novel coronavirus COVID-19 in Marion County. It is anticipated that there will be additional cases in time.

WHEREAS, the following damage to life, property, and the economy can be expected from the above conditions: novel coronavirus COVID-19 is an emerging disease and its progress is rapidly evolving. Keeping the public informed and as safe as possible has demanded a great deal of local resources. Resources related to contact tracing, disease investigation, community

1 information, materials and supplies, funding, and any other resources related to the health and
2 safety of the community are expected to be exhausted.

3 WHEREAS, the entire County is in a state of emergency; and

4 Now, therefore it is

5 RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners formally declares a state of emergency for
6 Marion County, effective on this 16th day of March, 2020 at 11:30 am for the purposes described
7 above; and it is further

8 RESOLVED that upon this declaration of a state of emergency the County Emergency
9 Management Program is empowered to carry out the appropriate functions and duties identified
10 in County ordinance during times of emergency including, but not limited to, requesting
11 assistance from the State of Oregon, and shall implement the Marion County Emergency
12 Operations Plan; and it is further

13 RESOLVED that Public Health Incident Command shall take all necessary steps
14 authorized by law to coordinate the public health response and recovery from this emergency
15 including, but not limited to, requesting assistance from the State of Oregon; and it is further

16 RESOLVED that emergency procurements of goods and services are authorized pursuant
17 to ORS 279B.080, ORS 279C.335, ORS 279C.380 (4) and Marion County Public Contracting
18 Rules 20-0280; and it is further

19 RESOLVED that whenever a state of emergency has been declared to exist within
20 Marion County, or at the request of a municipality's governing body, the Marion County Board
21 of Commissioners is empowered to order and enforce the measures listed herein below.

22 However, if circumstances prohibit the timely action of the Board of Commissioners, the

1 individuals identified in the order of succession outlined in Chapter 2.35.050 of the Marion
2 County Code, may order emergency measures, provided that approval from a majority of the
3 Board of Commissioners is sought and obtained at the first available opportunity; and it is further

4 RESOLVED that the following measures are necessary, or may become necessary as
5 determined by Incident Command, for public health and safety or to minimize or mitigate the
6 effects of the emergency: Enter into mutual aid agreements, redirect funds for emergency use,
7 and order any other measures immediately necessary for the protection of life, property, and the
8 economy; and it is further

9 BE IT RESOLVED that this declaration of emergency shall be effective immediately
10 upon signature of the Marion County Board of Commissioners and shall expire upon further
11 order of the Board of Commissioners.

12 DATED this 16th day of March, 2020.

13 MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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