

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-02**

**Lane Council of Governments**

**DECLARING A TEMPORARY STATE OF EMERGENCY AND DELEGATING AUTHORITY  
TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2020, the Governor of the State of Oregon issued Executive Order 20-03 declaring a statewide State of Emergency under ORS 401.025(1) due to the serious public health and safety threat posed by the spread of the COVID-19 virus within our state; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 20-07 “Prohibiting On-Premises Consumption of Food or Drink” due to the serious public health and safety threat posed by the spread of the COVID-19 virus within our state; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the Lane County Board of Commissioners declared a County-wide state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 20-12, “Ordering Oregonians to Stay at Home”, establishing measures for public and private facilities and mandated social distancing; and

WHEREAS, the LCOG Board finds that the detection of multiple cases of Coronavirus (COVID-19) within Lane County and the state and the Governor’s Declaration present circumstances constituting a present threat of imminent widespread or severe damage, significant injury to persons or property, increased human suffering, loss of life, and financial loss within the LCOG’s boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the LCOG Board finds that during this State of Emergency, it is prudent and responsible to delegate certain powers and responsibilities to the Executive Director in order to more efficiently expedite LCOG responses and services; and

WHEREAS, these emergency circumstances require focused and coordinated municipal and community responses beyond that which occur routinely and such coordinated responses cannot be achieved without temporarily amending some of the LCOG’s regular business, emergency, employment, and intergovernmental practices; and

WHEREAS, these emergency circumstances are anticipated to remain in effect for at least one month from the date of adoption, and may be extended as needed.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS DECLARED THAT:

1. **State of Emergency.** A State of Emergency hereby exists for LCOG. This State of Emergency shall become effective immediately and shall continue for a period

of one month, unless further extended or rescinded by LCOG pursuant to this Declaration.

2. **LCOG Authority.** During this State of Emergency, LCOG may take any legal and necessary steps to respond and recover from the emergency, including but not limited to: requesting assistance, funds, and reimbursement from the State of Oregon and federal agencies; adopting temporary rules and policies regarding LCOG facilities, funds, resources, and staff; entering into contracts for services or aid agreements with other governmental or private entities; and cancelling non-essential meetings and events.
  - a. Emergency procurement of goods, services, and public improvements is hereby authorized pursuant to ORS 279B.080, ORS 279C.320, ORS 279C.380(4), and all other applicable statutes, resolutions, and rules.
3. **Staff Designation.** The Executive Director is directed to identify two additional LCOG staff members who are designated and authorized to serve as the “acting in capacity” Executive Director (Executive Director AIC) in the Executive Director’s absence during this State of Emergency. The Executive Director or designee(s) shall regularly document and report to the Board regarding any actions or orders taken pursuant to this Declaration. Those staff members are listed on the last page of this Resolution.
4. **Executive Director Delegation.** During this State of Emergency, the Board hereby delegates to the Executive Director (and to Executive Director designees in the case of the Executive Director’s absence), the authority to implement local, state and federal leave recommendations and mandates; suspend enforcement of adopted policies to equitably respond to emergency mandated closures; take actions and issue orders necessary and reasonable to protect health, safety and welfare of its employees, members and the public; and to conduct activities that minimize or mitigate the effect of the emergency, as long as such actions, orders, and activities are in compliance with local, state and federal law.
5. **Effective Date and Duration.** This Declaration shall be effective on the date adopted by the Board and shall remain in effect until \_\_\_\_\_ at 11:59 pm, unless further extended by the Executive Director or designee of the LCOG Board.
6. **Establishing an Emergency.** It is hereby adjudged and declared that existing conditions are such that this Declaration is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety of LCOG, and an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Resolution, and all provisions modifying the Resolution referred to herein, shall take effect in full force and effect when signed by the Board Chair.

DATED this \_\_\_\_ day of April, 2020.

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Mary Walston, Chair  
Board of Directors  
Lane Council of Governments

ATTEST:

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Brendalee Wilson,  
Executive Director  
Lane Council of Governments