2020 MISSOULA COUNTY EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION REGARDING COMMUNICABLE DISEASE COVID-19 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 Novel Coronavirus a pandemic;

WHEREAS, as of March 15, 2020, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) indicates there are over 1,629 confirmed cases COVID-19 in the United States and 41 deaths;

WHEREAS, as of March 14, 2020 the State of Montana reported 6 confirmed cases of COVID-19 of which 2 reside in Missoula County;

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 novel virus is a threat to the residents of Missoula County and local government's ability to provide continuity of essential government operations;

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, February 4, the Missoula City-County Health Department initiated an Incident Command Team to address planning and response for COVID-19 occurrence in Missoula County;

WHEREAS, in addition to the disaster/emergency authorities specified in Title 10 of the Montana Code Annotated; and

WHEREAS Mont. Code Ann. §§ 10-3-402, 10-3-403, and 10-3-404 require an emergency proclamation by the principle executive officer in order to activate applicable parts of the local emergency plan and to authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance in accordance with such plans and programs;

Now, therefore be it resolved and declared by the Board of Missoula County Commissioners, that an emergency exists.

Dated this	day of	_,
		Chair – Josh Slotnick
		Commissioner – Juanita Vero
Attest:		Commissioner – Dave Strohmaier
	Clerk and Recorder	