

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CURRY, OREGON

In the Matter of Declaring a Local  
Emergency in Curry County and  
Requesting a Governor's  
Declaration of a State of Emergency )  
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RESOLUTION No. R2019-08

**WHEREAS**, on February 24 and 25, 2019, a severe storm event swept through Curry County and its adjacent counties in Oregon and California threatening life, destroying property, and economically impacting communities and local businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, the severe storm event caused significant damage to Federal Highway 101, particularly in the area known as Hooskanaden, dropping the paved road nearly twelve feet making the road impassible for days and isolating communities from hospital care, goods and services; and

**WHEREAS**, additional landslides, flooding, downed power lines, and fallen trees resulted in the federal highway and several local roads being impassible for extended periods of time; and

**WHEREAS**, Curry County does not have the resources to assist with the depth of infrastructure loss and private property damage to our residents and businesses by this severe storm event, as the direct and indirect costs associated with the damage caused by the storms could be in the tens of millions of dollars and exceed the County's ability to assist; and

**WHEREAS**, Curry County has been coordinating with neighboring counties to address the needs of its people and as a region declare the region a disaster.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF CURRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEREBY RESOLVES:**

A Local Emergency exists in Curry County.

**THE BOARD OF CURRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVES:**

To request with this resolution, that Kate Brown, Governor of Oregon, declare a State of Emergency and consider Curry County an "emergency area" as provided for in ORS 401.165 and provide such assistance as requested by Curry County and available by the State of Oregon.

The Curry County Board of Commissioners further requests that the Governor request additional assistance from the President of the United States, if needed.

The Governor suspend limiting rules, per ORS 401.168(2), which might delay Curry County from commencing with all repairs necessary to restore service to its residents.

**THE BOARD OF CURRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVES:**

The County is authorized to procure work, materials and supplies and housing if necessary under the emergency category of procurement under state and local public contracting law to respond and recover from the emergency.

**THE BOARD OF CURRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVES:**

The Curry County Sheriff / Department of Emergency Management is authorized to order mandatory evacuation of residences and businesses when necessary for the public safety or when necessary for the efficient conduct of activities that minimize or mitigate the effects of the emergency.


**THE BOARD OF CURRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVES:**

This resolution declaring an emergency shall exist for the duration of the emergency, including time taken to sufficiently address impacts in order to recover from the emergency.

**DATED** this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019.

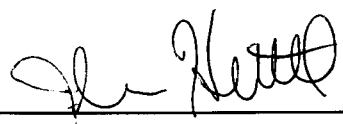
**BOARD OF CURRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

  
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Absent at Signing  
Sue Gold, Commissioner

Approved as to Form:

  
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John Hutt  
Curry County Legal Counsel