

**EMERGENCY ORDER BY THE TULARE COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES
DIRECTOR FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND
CLOSURE OF COUNTY FACILITIES TO PHYSICAL ACCESS BY THE PUBLIC**

WHEREAS, Government Code section 8630 and Tulare County Ordinance Code Section 1-15-1030 authorize the Director of Emergency Services to proclaim a local emergency when the County of Tulare ("County") is threatened by conditions of disaster or extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the County that are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the County, and the Board of Supervisors is not in session; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the Tulare County Coordinator of Emergency Services proclaimed a local emergency, as defined in Government Code Section 8558 and Tulare County Ordinance Code Section 1-15-1005, due to the presence of COVID-19 within Tulare County, which was subsequently ratified by the Tulare County Board of Supervisors at its regular meeting on March 17, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-33-20, to order all residents of the State of California to stay home or at their place of residence except as needed to maintain continuity of operations of the federal critical infrastructure sectors, and other additional sectors as he designates as critical in order to protect the health and well-being of all Californians; and

WHEREAS, Tulare County has made every effort to ensure the safety of its employees and the public by encouraging effective infection prevention measures in the workplace, and increasing physical distance among its employees, and between employees and the public, where feasible; and

WHEREAS, Tulare County is responsible for providing essential services to maintain the critical infrastructure for ensuring the health and safety of its residents and the employees who provide such services; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, the Director of Emergency Services issued the EMERGENCY ORDER BY THE TULARE COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DIRECTOR FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND CLOSURE OF COUNTY FACILITIES TO PHYSICAL ACCESS BY THE PUBLIC, which was subsequently ratified by the Board of Supervisors on March 24, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on May 4, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-60-20, modifying the Stay at Home Order and directing the State Department of Public Health to issue guidelines on the safe reopening of various essential and non-essential businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors is not in session, and cannot immediately be called into session; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services finds that consistent with Executive Order N-60-20 and applicable Federal, State, and County Public Health guidelines, various County Departments may safely and effectively reopen certain lobbies and begin providing certain services while still protecting the health and safety of the public and its staff.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Director of Emergency Services hereby amends the Order issued on March 20, 2020 (the "Order"), by adding the following thereto:

6. Each affected Department that has been closed to physical access by the public may, following consultation with the Director of Emergency Services or designee, reopen its lobbies to physical access to the public. Nothing in this Order shall prevent the Emergency Services Director, or designee, from allowing additional County facilities to reopen to physical public access or to order additional facilities to be closed.
7. Each affected Department that has ceased providing non-essential public services or limited essential services to remote access may, following consultation with the Director of Emergency Services or designee, begin providing those services in any manner deemed safe and appropriate by the Department Head. This may include the provision of services via remote access or in person.
8. Nothing in this Order shall prevent the Emergency Services Director, or designee, from further amending the Order.

Pursuant to County Ordinance Code section 1-15-1030(f), this order shall be confirmed by the Board of Supervisors at the earliest practicable time.

Date: May 29, 2020

Time: 5:00pm

By: _____


Jason T. Britt
County Administrative Officer and Director of
Emergency Services

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
COUNTY COUNSEL



Deputy County Counsel

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