

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-7
EMERGENCY DECLARATION**

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared the Coronavirus as a worldwide pandemic as of March 11, 2020, and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States declared a national emergency concerning the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) on March 13, 2020, specifically stating that in “December 2019 a novel (new) coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2 (“the virus”) was first detected in Wuhan, Hubei Province, People’s Republic of China, causing outbreaks of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) that has now spread globally. . . . The spread of COVID-19 within our Nation’s communities threatens to strain our Nation’s healthcare systems. . . . Additional measures . . . are needed to successfully contain and combat the virus in the United States.” The National Emergency Declaration went on to declare that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constitutes a national emergency, and

WHEREAS, Mark Gordon, Governor of the State of Wyoming, declared a State of Emergency for the State of Wyoming on March 13, 2020, stating that on March 11, 2020 an individual within the State of Wyoming tested presumptive positive for COVID-19 and the State of Wyoming is experiencing a public health emergency in response to the evolving outbreak of the novel coronavirus as of March 11, 2020. The Declaration of a State of Emergency directs the Director of the Wyoming Department of Health to take all appropriate and necessary actions and in the Director’s judgment any actions necessary to provide aid to those locations where there is a threat or danger to public health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS W.S. 19-13-103 (a) (ii) confers upon the governor and upon the executive heads or governing bodies of the political subdivisions of the state the emergency powers provided in the Wyoming Homeland Security Act, and to provide for state assistance in the organization and maintenance of the homeland security programs of such political subdivisions;

WHEREAS, W.S. 35-1-227 gives authority to the Wyoming Department of Health to direct and supervise county health officers in the state in making decisions in their judgment best suited to maintain the public health including but not limited to closures and quarantines; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Alexia Harrist, the Wyoming State Health Officer will review and directs the issuance of quarantine and other public health related orders to Dr. James Larson, the Crook County Health Officer; and

WHEREAS the Crook County Public Health Office will be the point of contact for the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) response as appointed by the Board of County Commissioners to coordinate with the County office of Homeland Security and the Public Health Officer as specified by the Crook County Emergency Operating Plan; and

WHEREAS All COVID-19 response questions and requests for information are to be directed to the Public Health Emergency Operations Center at (307)283-1142, melanie.wilmer@wyo.gov, becky.tinsley@wyo.gov and/or edr@crookcounty.wy.gov . Pertinent public updates will be shared via Facebook.

WHEREAS, all locally available public and private resources available to mitigate and alleviate the effects of this disaster may be insufficient to meet the needs of the situation and the county may be in need of state and federal assistance; and

WHEREAS on Monday March 16, 2020 the Board of County Commissioners held an emergency meeting wherein a motion made seconded that the Crook County Public Health Office is appointed to be the point of contact for the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) response to coordinate with the County office of Homeland Security and the Public Health Officer Dr. James Larson, as specified by the Crook County Emergency Operating Plan. Motion Carried

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners in and for Crook County, Wyoming to ratify the action taken on March 16, 2020 and appoint the Crook County Public Health Office to be the point of contact for the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) response to coordinate with the County Office of Homeland Security and the Public Health Officer Dr. James Larson, as specified by the Crook County Emergency Operating Plan.

Motion made, seconded and carried in an open emergency meeting on March 18, 2020

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN AND FOR CROOK COUNTY, WYOMING

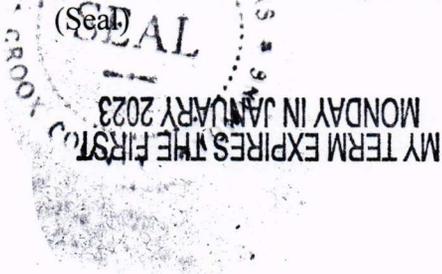
BY Kelly B Dennis
KELLY B. DENNIS, CHAIRMAN

BY Jeanne A. Whalen
JEANNE A. WHALEN, VICE-CHAIRWOMAN

BY Fred M Devish
FRED M. DEVISH, MEMBER

State of Wyoming }
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County of Crook }

Signed or attested before me on March 18, 20 20
by Kelly B. Dennis, Chairman, Jeanne A. Whalen, Vice-Chairwoman and Fred M. Devish,
Member, Board of Crook County Commissioners in and for Crook County, Wyoming.



Linda Fritz
LINDA FRITZ, CROOK COUNTY CLERK
My term of office expires January 2, 2023