

Resolution No. 19-2020

**A RESOLUTION REGARDING ENFORCMENT OF  
COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS**

WHEREAS, Montana Governor Steve Bullock has declared a State of Emergency related to COVID-19, and

WHEREAS, the Fergus County Commissioners declared a State of Emergency related to COVID-19 on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 2020, and

WHEREAS, as a result of those declarations, restrictions have been placed on schools, businesses, other entities, and individuals, and

WHEREAS, the governor has released guidelines to a phased approach to lifting restrictions including guidelines and considerations to be followed, and

WHEREAS, Fergus County has not had a positive case of the disease within the County, and

WHEREAS, the Central Montana Health District is tasked with education, compliance and enforcement of the governor's directives, and

WHEREAS, Fergus County desires to assist its citizens and businesses and has confidence in its citizens to take necessary precautions for their own personal safety due to concerns surrounding COVID-19, and

WHEREAS, Fergus County is confident that businesses will evaluate their liability to their customers under the negligence standard, which requires every person and business to act in a reasonable and prudent manner,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Fergus County will continue to assist and support the Central Montana Health District in its role of providing guidelines, education and support as local businesses reopen, and

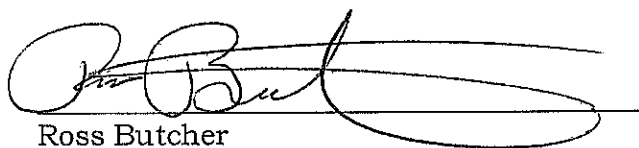
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Fergus County recommends businesses be responsible for following the governor's directives on reopening, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Fergus County recommends the Central Montana Health District continue to focus resources on education and voluntary compliance of the governor's orders and that criminal prosecution or court enforcement be a last resort.

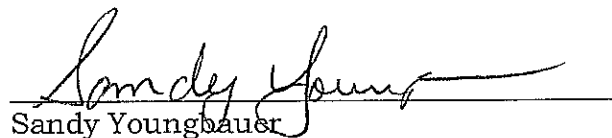
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this does not end the State of Emergency declared by the Fergus County Commission on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March, 2020, nor is this directive meant to supersede the governor's directives.

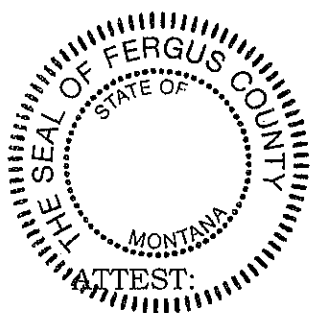
PASSED AND APPROVED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May 2020.

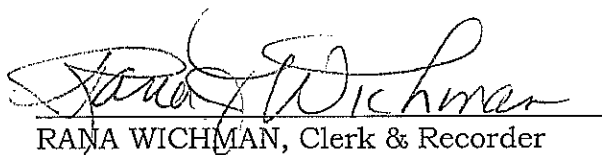
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