

CODINGTON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2020-10

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION TO ADDRESS A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS BY
IMPLEMENTING CERTAIN MEASURES WHICH HAVE BEEN DEEMED NECESSARY TO SLOW
THE COMMUNITY SPREAD OF CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19).

WHEREAS, an outbreak of the disease COVID-19, which is caused by the novel coronavirus, has been confirmed in more than 100 countries, including the United States; and

WHEREAS, COVID- 19 is a severe respiratory' disease transmitted by person-to-person contact, or by contact with surfaces contaminated by the virus. In some cases, especially among older adults and persons with serious underlying health conditions, COVID-19 can result in serious illness requiring hospitalization, admission to an intensive care unit, and death; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services have declared the outbreak of COVID19 as a public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency in response to the global pandemic of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, cases of COVID- 19 has been confirmed in Codington County, South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, the CDC and health experts have recommended social distancing to slow the spread of COVID19; and

WHEREAS, social distancing is a method of slowing down or stopping the spread of a contagious disease by reducing the probability of contact between infected persons and those not infected in order to minimize disease transmission; and

WHEREAS, the failure to successfully implement social distancing will likely result in higher numbers of infected individuals and has the potential to overwhelm the capacity of the County's health care providers; and

WHEREAS, it is important that control measures be taken to reduce or slow down the spread of COVID- 19 in order to protect the health and safety of the County's residents, especially for seniors and those with underlying health conditions that make them particularly vulnerable to COVID- 19; and

WHEREAS, on April 28th, Governor Kristi Noem, issued Executive Order 2020-20 in which she acknowledged the dedication of South Dakotans to follow directions and guidance to respond to this pandemic and implemented the "Back to Normal" plan.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Codington County Commission that:

1. Effective immediately, Resolution No. 2020-9 is hereby repealed.
2. Effective immediately, Codington County implements the 'Codington County Back to "New Normal" Plan.' Dated May 12th, 2020 or later updated version of this plan.
3. Under Phase I of the 'Codington County back to "New Normal" plan.':
 - a. County facilities remain closed to the public with exceptions for pre-coordinated visits.

- b. The County ensures supplies and equipment necessary for re-opening of county facilities are ordered.
- c. All County residents and businesses are urged to continue to apply CDC and South Dakota Department of Health guidelines to slow the spread of COVID-19.
- 4. the 'Codington County Back to "New Normal" Plan' shall be updated as circumstances dictate and shall be available on the county website and through the Auditor's office.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of Codington County and shall become effective immediately upon passage.

Dated this 12 day of May, 2020



Brenda Hanten, Chair
Codington County Commission

ATTEST:



Cindy Brugman
Codington County Auditor