ORDER OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER AS DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

PERMITTING THE COMMANDEERING OF PROPERTY FOR TEMPORARY RESIDENCES AND MEDICAL FACILITIES

DATE OF ORDER: MARCH 22, 2020

Please read this Order carefully. Violation of or failure to comply with this Order is a crime punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both. (Penal Code section 19; Government Code section 25132; Mendocino County Code section 1.04.110.)

UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF ARTICLE XI OF THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION; CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 8610, 8630, AND 8634; AND MENDOCINO COUNTY CODE SECTION 7.04.050, THE COUNTY OF MENDOCINO’S COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER AS DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY OF MENDOCINO (“DIRECTOR”) ORDERS:

1. The County of Mendocino shall identify and shall otherwise be prepared to make available – including through the execution of any necessary contracts or other agreements and, if necessary, through the exercise of the County’s power to commandeer property [Mendocino County Code section 7.04.050(A)(7)(b)] - hotels and other places of temporary residence, medical facilities, and other facilities that are suitable as places of temporary residence or medical facilities as necessary for quarantining, isolating or treating individuals who test positive for COVID-19 or who have had a high-risk exposure and are thought to be in the incubation period.

2. This Order is issued as a result of the worldwide pandemic of COVID-19 disease, also known as “novel coronavirus,” which has infected at least 191,000 individuals worldwide in 145 countries and is implicated in over 7,800 worldwide deaths.

3. This Order is issued based on evidence of increasing transmission of COVID-19 both within the State of California and worldwide, scientific evidence regarding the most effective approach to slow transmission of communicable diseases generally and COVID-19 specifically, as well as best practices as currently known and available to protect the public from the risk of spread of or exposure to COVID-19.

4. This Order is intended to reduce the likelihood of exposure to COVID-19, thereby slowing the spread of COVID-19 in communities worldwide.

5. This Order is issued in accordance with, and incorporates by reference, the: March 4, 2020 Proclamation of a State Emergency issued by Governor Gavin Newsom; the March 4, 2020 Proclamation of a Local Emergency Related to 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) issued by the Mendocino County Director of Emergency Services, Carmel Angelo; the March 4, 2020, Declaration of Local Health Emergency based on an imminent threat to public health, by the Mendocino County Health Officer, Noemi Doohan; Resolution No. 20-024, adopted by the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors on March 10, 2020, ratifying the existence of a Local Emergency and Local Health Emergency regarding 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19); the guidance issued on March 11, 2020 by the California Department of Public Health regarding large gatherings of 250 people or more; the guidance issued on March 15, 2020 by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the California Department of Public Health, and other public health officials
through the United States and around the world recommending the cancellation of gatherings involving more than fifty (50) or more persons in a single space at the same time; and the March 17, 2020, order of the Health Officer imposing a moratorium on gatherings of 50 or more persons, and a conditional moratorium on gatherings between 10 and 50 people.

6. This Order is issued in accordance with Governor Gavin Newsom’s Executive Order N-25-20 of March 12, 2020 preparing the State to commandeer hotels and other places of temporary residence, medical facilities, and other facilities that are suitable as places of temporary residence or medical facilities as necessary for quarantining, isolating or treating individuals who test positive for COVID-19 or who have had a high-risk exposure and are thought to be in the incubation period.

7. This Order is made in accordance with all applicable Federal, State, and Local laws, including but not limited to: Article XI of the California Constitution; California Government Code sections 8610, 8630, and 8634; and Mendocino County Code section 7.04.050.

8. To the extent necessary, pursuant to Government Code section 25132 and Penal Code section 19, the Director requests that the Sheriff and all Chiefs of Police in the County ensure compliance with and enforcement of this Order.

9. Copies of this Order shall promptly be: (1) made available at the County of Mendocino County Administrative Center located at 501 Low Gap Road, Room 1010, Ukiah, California 95482; (2) posted on the County of Mendocino’s website (www.mendocinocounty.org); and (3) provided to any member of the public requesting a copy of this Order.

IT IS SO ORDERED:

Carmel J. Angelo
County Executive Officer
Director of Emergency Services
County of Mendocino

Approved as to form and legality:

Christian M. Curtis
Acting County Counsel
County of Mendocino

Dated: March 22, 2020