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December 3, 2020

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Newsom:

Yesterday, the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors passed Resolution 188-2020 (attached), which asserts the ability of El Dorado County to best determine its standing in the state's "Blueprint for a Safer Economy" and to respond in accordance with local data and circumstances.

El Dorado County has developed strong partnerships among county and city governments, school systems, and the business and health care communities, and we believe that through collaboration locally we can make the strongest headway in both the fight against COVID-19 and the protection of businesses and our citizens' well-being.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian K. Veerkamp".

Brian Veerkamp, Chair
Board of Supervisors

Attachment

- c. Senator Brian Dahle
Assemblyman Frank Bigelow
Assemblyman Kevin Kiley
Board of Supervisors



RESOLUTION NO. 188-2020

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO

WHEREAS, the paramount concern of policymakers at all levels is the health and well-being of our constituents, never more so than during what has been called a once-in-a-century pandemic; and

WHEREAS, decisions affecting the health and well-being of our constituents must be based on empirical evidence without regard to politics or the influence of special interest groups; and

WHEREAS, California has struggled as much as any state during the COVID-19 pandemic, with the third-highest unemployment rate in the country and the largest backlog of unpaid jobless claims; and

WHEREAS, California's Blueprint for a Safer Economy provides a one-size-fits-all approach to reopening communities that does not allow the flexibility to respond in a data-driven way to what is occurring in El Dorado County; and

WHEREAS, there is likely an increase in drug abuse, delayed medical care, depression among our youth, and the overall need for mental health services; and

WHEREAS, El Dorado County is extremely concerned about the impact to our children who do not have access to in-person education; and

WHEREAS, on May 8, 2020, the El Dorado County Public Health Officer submitted an attestation to the California Department of Public Health that was accepted and approved, which demonstrated El Dorado County was prepared to increase the pace at which we advanced through Stage 2 of the Governor's guidelines which were in place at that time; and

WHEREAS, El Dorado County has developed outstanding, collaborative relationships between public health, local business chambers, local hospitals, the City of Placerville, the City of South Lake Tahoe and education leaders, providing a strong framework to ensure any decisions made relative to managing the spread of COVID-19 while also balancing the impacts on local businesses and the overall health and well-being of our residents; and

WHEREAS, as a result of this collaborative partnership across all sectors, El Dorado County is well situated to determine what tier in the Blueprint for a Safer Economy we should operate in, taking into consideration the number of cases and positivity rate, lagging indicators such as hospital capacity and deaths, as well as other detrimental impacts as a result of COVID-19 such as mental illness, child abuse, domestic violence and economic hardships;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

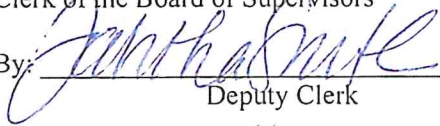
1) El Dorado County is best served by an ability to respond locally to the COVID-19 virus in accordance with our local data and circumstances, as specified, for instance, in the attestation filed with the California Department of Public Health, and

2) That the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors and the County Public Health Officer, along with our partners at the City of Placerville, City of South Lake Tahoe, Marshall Hospital, Barton Hospital, business chambers and education leaders, are best suited to collaboratively determine which tier of the state's 'Blueprint for a Safer Economy' is most suitable for El Dorado County businesses and residents.


PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 2nd day of December, 2020, by the following vote of said Board:

Attest:
Kim Dawson
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: _____


Deputy Clerk

Ayes: Hidahl, Frentzen, Veerkamp, Parlin
Noes: Novasel
Absent: None



Brian K. Veerkamp
Chair, Board of Supervisors