

RESOLUTION NO.**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LATHROP APPROVING A JOINT PETITION WITH THE COUNTY OF SAN JOAQUIN AND ITS INCORPORATED CITIES TO PETITION TO REOPEN BUSINESSES**

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, California Governor Gavin Newsom declared a State of Emergency (“State of Emergency”) to formalize emergency actions and help prepare for the broader spread of the COVID-19 disease; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-33-20 ordering all individuals in California to stay in their place of residence except as needed to maintain continuity of operations of federal critical infrastructure sectors, thereby reducing and stopping non-essential businesses from continuing operations (“Stay at Home Order”); and

WHEREAS, the stated intent of the State of Emergency and subsequent Stay at Home Order (“State Actions”) was to prevent the catastrophic failure of the hospital system due to an anticipated surge of COVID-19 cases; and

WHEREAS, the key implementation step of the State Actions was designed to “flatten the curve”, so as to avoid overwhelming the hospital systems; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020 the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors ratified the declaration of a local health emergency to address COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2020 the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors ratified the proclamation of a Local Emergency within the County requesting State and Federal assistance be provided to San Joaquin County; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020 the City of Lathrop City Council ratified the proclamation of local emergency by the City Manager in his capacity as Director of Emergency Services; and

WHEREAS, through the actions of front-line staff, hospital and medical staff, elected and appointed leaders, and most importantly the actions of the citizens of San Joaquin County, the curve has flattened in the County and has remained flat since April 25, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Variance Attestation criteria adopted by the State is inconsistent with Governor Newsom’s repeated statements that a one-size-fits-all criteria does not recognize the diversity within the State of California; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Joaquin has demonstrated that it has met all of the criteria, within its control, to move ahead of the State to re-open the economy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lathrop supports the efforts of the County to mitigate the closure of non-essential businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lathrop supports the efforts of the County to provide business owners with information to assist those businesses in understanding how to meet the public health guidelines provided by the State; and

WHEREAS, the residents of the City of Lathrop have demonstrated the ability to moderate their behavior to flatten the curve; and

WHEREAS, despite efforts by the City, County, State and Federal governments, individuals are not receiving sufficient aid to withstand the economic hardships caused by the Orders; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lathrop at its May 11, 2020 City Council regular meeting, approved Resolution No. 20-4723 accepting Community Development Block Grant COVID-19 (CDBG-CV) funding and establishing an Emergency General Assistance Grant Program to help qualified low-income residents with COVID-19 related effects that have caused past-due rent, mortgage and/or utilities payment(s) in order to attempt to assist struggling Lathrop residents and small businesses; and

WHEREAS, many local businesses are reporting that they have exhausted all of their reserves and are on the brink of failing.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Lathrop joins the Cities of Escalon, Lodi, Manteca, Ripon, and Tracy to support the efforts of the County of Joaquin in their efforts as detailed in their Resolution incorporated herein as Exhibit "A", adopted at the Tuesday, May 19, 2020 San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors meeting, petitioning the Governor to immediately allow counties to craft and implement local directives necessary to allow individuals, businesses, and schools to resume activities in a manner that does not menace public health.

The foregoing resolution was passed and adopted this 19th day of May 2020, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Sonny Dhaliwal, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Teresa Vargas, City Clerk

Salvador Navarrete, City Attorney