BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE

COUNTY OF SISKIYOU, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS )

OF THE COUNTY OF SISKIYOU AUTHORIZING )

REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS OF ) RESOLUTION NO.

THE LEGISLATIVE BODIES OF SISKIYOU COUNTY )

PURSUANT TO BROWN ACT PROVISIONS DUE TO A )

STATE OF EMERGENCY )

 *WHEREAS,* the County of Siskiyou is committed to preserving and nurturing public access and participation in meetings of the Board of Supervisors and other committee meetings subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act (“Brown Act”); and

*WHEREAS,* the Brown Act, Government Code section 54953(e), makes provisions for remote teleconferencing participation in meetings without compliance with the requirements of Government Code section 54953(b)(3), subject to the existence of certain conditions; and

*WHEREAS,* a required condition is that a state of emergency is declared by the Governor pursuant to Government Code section 8625, proclaiming the existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the state caused by conditions as described in Government Code section 8558; and

*WHEREAS,* on March 4, 2020, the Governor proclaimed pursuant to his authority under the California Emergency Services Act, California Government Code section 8625, that a state of emergency exists with regard to a novel coronavirus (a disease now known as COVID-19); and

*WHEREAS,* on June 4, 2021, the Governor clarified that the “reopening” of California on June 15, 2021 did not include any change to the proclaimed state of emergency or the powers exercised thereunder; and

*WHEREAS,* as of the date of this Resolution, neither the Governor nor the Legislature have exercised their respective powers pursuant to California Government Code section 8629 to lift the state of emergency either by proclamation or by concurrent resolution in the state Legislature; and

*WHEREAS,* the continued local rates of transmission of the virus and variants causing COVID-19 are such that meeting in person could present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees of Siskiyou County governing Board and committee public meetings if teleconference options are not included as an option for public participation.

 *NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED* that the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors

1. The Recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated into this Resolution by this reference.
2. A proclaimed state of emergency exists and as a result of the emergency, meeting in person could present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.
3. The staff and legislative bodies of Siskiyou County are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution including, conducting Siskiyou County governing Board and committee meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e) and other applicable provisions of the Brown Act.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall be effective until the earlier of thirty (30) days from adoption of the Resolution or such time the Board of Supervisors adopts a subsequent Resolution in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)(3) to extend the time during which the legislative bodies of the County of Siskiyou may continue to teleconference without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of section 54953.

*PASSED AND ADOPTED* by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Siskiyou, State of California, this 18th day of January, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

LAURA BYNUM, COUNTY CLERK

BY: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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