



**SNOHOMISH HEALTH DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 20-29**

**RESOLUTION SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH OF THE SNOHOMISH HEALTH DISTRICT AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER TO USE UNRESERVED GENERAL FUNDS FOR COVID-19-RELATED EXPENDITURES**

WHEREAS, COVID-19, a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death, is caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which is a new strain of coronavirus that had not been previously identified in humans and can easily spread from person to person; and

WHEREAS, on January 20, 2020, the Snohomish Health District (District) activated its District Operations Center to manage their response to the nation's first case of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar declared a public health emergency for COVID-19, beginning January 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, Washington Governor Jay Inslee declared a state of emergency in response to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2020, the Snohomish County Department of Emergency Management, Snohomish County Emergency Coordination Center, began coordinating information and resources across county government to support the District in alleviating the impacts to people, property, and infrastructure, and is assessing the magnitude and long-term effects of the incident with the District; and

WHEREAS, a Health Officer's Order was issued on March 4, 2020, declaring an emergency and waiving formal purchasing and procurement requirements; and

WHEREAS, the District has approximately \$7,000,000 in unreserved funds as of August 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the response required by the District continues to grow and the expenditures required will be beyond the preliminary 2021 budget; and

WHEREAS, the pandemic is expected to continue at least through early 2021; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 budget does not currently include amounts necessary to extend COVID-19 activities into 2021;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Health as follows:**

1. The Board of Health does hereby delegate to the Administrative Officer or his designee(s) the authority to execute contracts and authorize expenditures related to the COVID-19 emergency with the use of unreserved funds up to \$2,000,000 through February 28, 2021, and in light of the demands of a dangerous and escalating emergency situation to implement this resolution without regard to time-consuming procedures and formalities otherwise normally prescribed by law (excepting mandatory constitutional requirements).
2. The Board of Health directs the Administrative Officer or his designee(s) to take necessary actions to mitigate or prevent impacts on private property and public infrastructure, including obtaining emergency permitting through the applicable agency.
3. A copy of this resolution, to the extent practical, shall be posted at the District's regular locations for official notices and shall be made available to members of the local new media and the general public.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution takes effect immediately.

ADOPTED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of December.

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Stephanie Wright, Chair  
Board of Health

ATTEST:

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Shawn Frederick, MBA  
Administrative Officer