WHEREAS, COVID-19 poses a health risk to Lane County residents, visitors and first responders which could extend for several months; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 response requires the immediate and significant expenditures of resources at the local level for response in order to keep the public informed and safe; and

WHEREAS, Lane County has declared a state of emergency throughout all of Lane County; and

WHEREAS, Lane Workforce Partnership has requested to re-purpose $75,000 of Regional Innovation Training funds for the COVID-19 Layoff Aversion Fund; and

WHEREAS, given the dire economic circumstances due to the COVID-19 pandemic, authorizing the re-purpose of these funds for COVID-19 layoff aversion purposes is a much more needed and impactful use of funds; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners authorize Lane Workforce Partnership and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Lane County ORDERS as follows:

1. The request from Lane Workforce Partnership to re-purpose $75,000 of previously allocated Regional Innovation Training funds from Lane County for the COVID-19 Layoff Aversion fund is hereby approved.

ADOPTED this 7th day of April, 2020.

Heather Buch, Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners