BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER 20-05-05-01

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF A CERTIFICATION OF SUFFICIENT PPE FOR FIRST RESPONDERS AND DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN ANY CERTIFICATION

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared COVID-19 a global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has declared COVID-19 to be a national emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Oregon has declared COVID-19 a statewide public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Lane County Board of Commissioners has declared COVID-19 a Lane County public health emergency on March 17, 2020 with Board Order 20-03-17-6; and

WHEREAS, Governor Brown signed Executive Order 20-12 requiring Oregonians to stay at home, closing specified retail businesses, requiring social distancing measures for other public and private facilities and imposing requirements for outdoor areas and licensed childcare facilities.

WHEREAS, Governor Brown has now released Reopening Oregon: A Public Health Framework for Restarting Public Life and Business; and

WHEREAS, this framework requires a vote of the County governing body Boards vote to certifying PPE for first responders is sufficient; and

WHEREAS, the presentation on opening up Oregon and Lane County presented evidence that there is sufficient PPE for first responders and a plan for acquiring additional PPE for first responders if needed;

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

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

1. It is certified by a vote of the Lane County Board of Commissioners, the governing body of Lane County, that County staff have made inquiries of Lane County first responders and have a good faith belief that PPE for first responders is sufficient based upon the current conditions. The Lane County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to revoke this certification based upon a change in conditions.
2. The County Administrator is delegated authority to sign any documents related to Lane County’s request to the Governor to proceed with re-opening.

ADOPTED this 5TH day of May, 2020

Heather Buch, Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners