

**FALLON COUNTY RESOLUTION 1037**  
**FALLON COUNTY CLOSURE OF COURTHOUSE AND COUNTY BUILDINGS**

**WHEREAS**, the Fallon County Commissioners are empowered by Section 7-5-2101 MCA, under such limitations and restrictions as are prescribed by law, to manage the business and concerns of Fallon County, Montana, in such a manner and to such an extent as the Commission determines to be in the County's best interest;

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of the State of Montana has declared a state of emergency in Montana regarding the onset and spread of the COVID-19 Coronavirus; and **WHEREAS**, the Health and Human Services Secretary has declared a public health emergency for the United States. The Fallon County Commission has determined that it is of the utmost importance to protect our citizens within the entire County of Fallon, Montana from the spread of this disease by following the guidance of the Centers of Disease Control. The Fallon County Public Health Officer has strongly recommended closing the Courthouse to the public as a preventative measure to protect the citizens and to control the spread of this disease;

**WHEREAS**, the Fallon County Commissioners have declared a Disaster as defined in Section 10-3-103 MCA, by Resolution 1036 passed on March 16, 2020;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, upon strong recommendation of the Fallon County Public Health Officer, the Board of Fallon County Commissioners is closing the Fallon County Courthouse and County buildings to the public, with the exception of the Sheriff's Office and Public Health Office, effective at 5 pm on Monday, March 16, 2020 until Friday, March 27, 2020 or until further resolution of the Board.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Commissioners and Elected Officials will continue to conduct necessary business. In the current circumstance where 2/3 of the Board of Commissioners is in a recommended home-quarantine, the Commission may conduct business as long as a quorum is participating by phone. Public participation will be made available and the method will be determined.

Dated this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

**FALLON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, FALLON COUNTY, MONTANA**

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Deb Ranum, Chair

Approved via conference call

Steve Baldwin, Member

Roy Rost

Roy Rost, Member

ATTEST:

Brenda Wood

Brenda Wood, Clerk and Recorder

