

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-27**

**RESOLUTION DECLARING A LOCAL EMERGENCY  
DUE TO VISITING HEALTH SERVICES CONTRACT EXPIRATION**

WHEREAS, the Skamania County Director of Emergency Management has reported to the Board of County Commissioners that beginning March 31, 2023, the contract with MidColumbia Medical Center to provide Visiting Health Services to Skamania County expired; and

WHEREAS, under the above referenced conditions there is substantial risk to medically compromised residents not receiving their needed care; and

WHEREAS, under the above referenced conditions minor medical issues require the use of local Emergency Medical Services for transport to area Emergency Rooms; and

WHEREAS, the conditions stated above constitute an emergency/disaster for the medically compromised citizens of the County, necessitating activation of the Skamania County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) and the utilization of emergency powers granted pursuant to RCW 36.40.180, 38.52.070(2), and 38.52.110(1);

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Skamania County, Washington, do resolve as follows:

Section 1. There is hereby declared an emergency, as defined in the Skamania County CEMP, due to the expiration of contracted in-home medical care in Skamania County.

Section 2. Pursuant to the emergency declared at Section 1, County departments and offices, as designated pursuant to the CEMP, are authorized to enter into contract and incur obligations necessary to combat such emergency to protect the health and safety of persons needing Visiting Health Services, and provide emergency assistance to them, consistent with the CEMP.

Section 3. It is hereby declared that efforts will be made to respond to, and mitigate the effect of this gap of critical services.


Section 4. The declaration of a local emergency set forth at Section 1 shall terminate by the issuance of a subsequent rescinding Resolution which shall follow when the Board determines that the extraordinary measures contained herein are no longer required for the protection of the public peace, safety, and welfare.

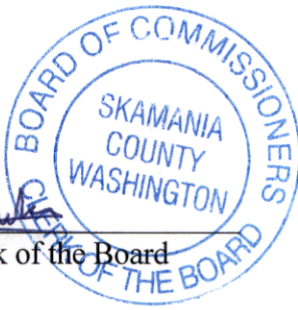
**APPROVED this 21<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2023.**

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Absent  
T.W. Lannen, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
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Lisa Sackos, Clerk of the Board



  
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Richard Mahar, Commissioner

  
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Asa Leckie, Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY:

  
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Adam Kick, Prosecuting Attorney