



RESOLUTION No. 20-101

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION EXERCISING THE COUNTY OF NEVADA'S POLICE POWER TO IMPOSE SUBSTANTIVE LIMITATIONS ON RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL EVICTIONS AND JUDICIAL FORECLOSURES THROUGH MAY 31, 2020

WHEREAS, the origination of the novel COVID-19 ("Coronavirus") in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China in December 2019, has spread to a growing number of countries, including cases reported throughout the United States, constituting a global COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Governor of the State of California Proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in California due to the current and potential impacts caused by COVID-19 and to combat the spread of COVID-19 broadly; and

WHEREAS, the economic impacts of COVID-19 are significant, and could threaten to undermine housing security and the stability of commercial businesses in Nevada County; and

WHEREAS, many residents in Nevada County are experiencing substantial losses of income resulting from business closures, the loss of work hours or wages, or layoffs related to COVID-19, thereby hindering their ability to keep up with their rents, mortgages, and utility bills; and

WHEREAS, because homelessness can exacerbate vulnerability to COVID-19, it is appropriate to take measures to promote housing security and stability in Nevada County in furtherance of public health and efforts to mitigate the economic impacts of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, taking measures to promote the stability of commercial tenancies in Nevada County economically impacted by COVID-19 furthers the public health interests of Nevada County residents, including allowing commercial businesses to determine whether to remain open based on public health concerns rather than economic pressures; and

WHEREAS, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and the Governor's March 4, 2020, Proclamation of a State of Emergency, on March 16, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order N-28-20, suspending any provision of state law that would preempt or otherwise restrict a local government from exercising its police power to impose substantive limitations on residential or commercial evictions; and

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need for the County of Nevada to exercise its police power to impose such substantive limitations on residential or commercial evictions to protect the health, safety and welfare of its citizens in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.