

RESOLUTION 2019-04  
AUTHORIZING THE DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY  
Effective March 30, 2020

**A resolution of Southwestern Polk Rural Fire District authorizing the declaration of a state of emergency.**

**WHEREAS**, a local emergency can be defined as any man-made or natural disaster that depletes operational resources and drastically alters normal operational procedures; and

**WHEREAS**, a declaration of a state of emergency is a function of the Board of Directors, a quorum of Board Members will be required to make a declaration of a state of emergency by resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors has the responsibility to make a declaration of a state of emergency, but may not be readily available in a quorum, one or two individual Board Member(s) may make a declaration of a state of emergency by resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, if the no Board Members are available, the Fire Chief or the person acting as the Fire Chief may make a declaration of a state of emergency by written decree; and

**WHEREAS**, the line of succession of Board Members and district staff below; and

**Board Members:**

Rod Watson  
Frank Pender  
Bob Davis  
Keith Moore  
Bruce Sigloh

**District Staff:**

Fire Chief  
Deputy Chief of Operations  
Division Chief of Training  
Battalion Chief

**WHEREAS**, a declaration of a state of emergency is designed to maintain continuity of services where the normal decision-making process may be unavailable, the declaration of a state of emergency grants the following additional powers and authorities and revises or suspends the following processes:

- Provide additional sources of funding.
- Authorize individuals to take action that they would not otherwise be authorized to take.
- Authorize the suspension or waiver of local policies or ordinances.
- Suspend local procurement rules and spending authority limits.
- Allow for greater cooperation among local governments.
- Prioritize certain district activities and functions.
- Demonstrate eligibility for certain funding.
- Raise public awareness.
- Provide legal protection for actions taken during a state of emergency; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTHWESTERN POLK RURAL FIRE DISTRICT ESTABLISHES THE PROCESS FOR MAKING A DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY.

**PASSED** and **ADOPTED** this 30<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

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Rod Watson, President

**Attest:**

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Bob Davis, Secretary