

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 40

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND PROVIDING THAT THE STATE OF DISASTER
EMERGENCY DECLARED BY THE GOVERNOR IS NOW ENDED.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

WHEREAS, a declared emergency or extreme emergency has been in effect
since March 13, 2020, for more than 715 days; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Idaho has the statutory authority under Sec-
tion 46-1008(2), Idaho Code, to declare an emergency and then extend the dec-
laration of that emergency for 30 additional days; and

WHEREAS, no emergency orders may violate the constitutionally pro-
tected rights of Idaho citizens; and

WHEREAS, Section 46-1008(2), Idaho Code, gives the Idaho Legislature
the authority to terminate a declared state of disaster emergency at any time
by passage of a concurrent resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's initial pro-
jected COVID-19 death rate numbers have proven to be significantly overesti-
mated based on scientifically collected data, and there is an extremely high
survival rate; and

WHEREAS, a declared emergency is no longer necessary to protect the life
and property of Idahoans who are intelligent, resilient, and capable people
who do not need further direction or assistance in relation to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Section 4, Article IV of the Constitution of the United States
guarantees the State of Idaho a republican form of government and prohibits
all other forms; and

WHEREAS, Idahoans' lives and livelihoods have been greatly disrupted,
and in some cases devastated, by administrative actions imposed through the
Governor's emergency orders.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular
Session of the Sixty-sixth Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives
and the Senate concurring therein, that the March 13, 2020, COVID-19 state
of disaster emergency proclaimed by Brad Little, Governor of the State
of Idaho, and extended by subsequent proclamations, pursuant to Section
46-1008, Idaho Code, is now ended.