

RESOLUTION NO. 200____ It was moved by Commissioner ____ and duly seconded by Commissioner ____ to adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, the Tri-County Health Department confirmed the first positive COVID-19 test in an Arapahoe County resident, with public health experts recognizing the contagiousness of the illness, followed by subsequent cases reported within the County and ongoing community transmission; and

WHEREAS, Governor Polis issued Executive Order D 2020 003 on March 11, 2020, declaring a disaster emergency in Colorado due to the presence of COVID-19. Since that time, the Governor has taken numerous steps to implement measures to mitigate the spread of disease within Colorado, and has further required that several public health orders be issued to implement his orders; and

WHEREAS, Arapahoe County issued a similar resolution March 13, 2020, working with the Arapahoe County's Office of Emergency Management, the Tri-County Health Department, and its municipalities to monitor the spread of transmission, distribute personal protective equipment to protect essential workers and vulnerable populations, as well as provide data for decision-making by county leaders; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order D 2020 044 authorizes transitioning from a stay at home model, as described in Executive Order D 2020 017 and Public Health Order 20-24 as amended, to a Safer at Home model; and

WHEREAS, any Colorado county may request a variance from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment authorizing implementation of an alternative COVID-19 suppression plan that differs from part or all the requirements of Executive Order D 2020 044 or the Eighth Amended Public Health Order 20-28, Safer at Home; and

WHEREAS, the variance request must include an alternative COVID-19 suppression plan endorsed by the local public health agency and adopted by the county commissioners, in addition to verification from local hospitals that they have the capacity to serve all people needing their care; and

WHEREAS, that the Board of County Commissioners (the "Board") determines and declares that seeking a variance from the current State of Colorado public health orders related to indoor and outdoor events and theaters and indoor entertainment venues will further the interests of Arapahoe County and its citizens while balancing the need to protect our citizens from the virus.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board approves the request for a variance from the State of Colorado from part of the requirements of Executive Order D 2020 044 and the Eighth Amended Public Health Order 20-28, Safer at Home related to indoor and outdoor events and theaters and indoor entertainment venues, and any further amended orders that are issued, and directs that the variance request be submitted to the Colorado Department of Health and Environment upon approval as to form by the County Attorney.

The vote was:

Commissioner Baker, __; Commissioner Conti, __; Commissioner Holen, __; Commissioner Jackson, __; Commissioner Sharpe, __.

The Chair declared the motion carries and so ordered.