



CITY OF BIG BEAR LAKE *California*

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-XX

RESOLUTION REQUESTINGrecognition of sub-regions WITHIN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING TIER DESIGNATIONS UNDER THE STATE'S "BLUEPRINT FOR A SAFER ECONOMY"

WHEREAS, the State of California has established its "Blueprint for a Safer Economy" that assigns all California counties to one of four business reopening tiers based on its actual COVID-19 experience with regard to new cases, test results, and health equity; and

WHEREAS, San Bernardino County is the largest county in the United States, and is nearly the size of the State of West Virginia; and

WHEREAS, San Bernardino County is nearly twice as large as Inyo County, the second largest county in California; and

WHEREAS, San Bernardino County is 86 times larger than San Francisco County, 9 times larger than Ventura County, and more than 4 times larger than San Diego County, all of which are currently operating at a less restrictive tier with similar or worse incidences of COVID-19 than many communities in San Bernardino County; and

WHEREAS, San Bernardino County is a geographically diverse county, with large suburban communities in the Los Angeles metro area, smaller mountain communities at high elevation and considerable distance from other populated areas, and isolated desert communities located several hours from other more densely populated communities in the county; and

WHEREAS, higher incidences of COVID-19 in more densely populated areas of San Bernardino County are preventing many of the smaller, more isolated communities in the county with relatively low incidences of COVID-19 from advancing to less restrictive tiers under the "Blueprint for a Safer Economy", thereby causing significant economic harm in these communities with no significant public health benefits for these communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Big Bear Lake and the entire Big Bear Valley have experienced relatively low incidences of COVID-19 for the duration of this emergency event; and

WHEREAS, with colder temperatures impacting the City of Big Bear Lake and the Big Bear Valley, it is imperative that more businesses be permitted to operate indoors in accordance with guidelines included in the less restrictive tiers in the "Blueprint for a Safer Economy"; and

WHEREAS, as of October 7, 2020, it is likely that the Big Bear Valley would qualify for the "Orange Tier" (reflecting moderate risk) and perhaps the "Yellow Tier" (reflecting minimal risk), which would allow nearly all businesses in the Big Bear Valley to operate indoors in some reasonable manner;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Big Bear Lake that the City of Big Bear Lake hereby requests that the State of California recognize the unique geography of San Bernardino County, the varying COVID-19 experiences in the communities within San Bernardino County, and the need for businesses to operate at greater capacity in smaller, more isolated communities with a relatively low incidence of COVID-19, and designate sub-regions of San Bernardino County for the purpose of determining tier designations under the State's "Blueprint for a Safer Economy".

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

City of Big Bear Lake

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
BEST BEST & KRIEGER LLP

City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO) ss
CITY OF BIG BEAR LAKE)

I, Erica Stephenson, City Clerk of the City of Big Bear Lake, California, do hereby certify that the whole number of the City Council of the said City is five; that the foregoing resolution, being Resolution No. 2020-XX was duly passed and adopted by the said City Council and attested by the City Clerk of said City, all at a regular meeting of the said City held on the 12th day of October, 2020 and that the same was so passed and adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

EXCUSED:

Erica Stephenson, City Clerk