## BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN BENITO

RESOLUTION NO	
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A RESOLUTION OF THE SAN BENITO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF A SHELTER CRISIS IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF SAN BENITO COUNTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 8698 THROUGH 8698.2.

WHEREAS, throughout the unincorporated areas of the County of San Benito there is presently a housing shortage for low-income individuals and families that has resulted in a significant number of persons lacking the current ability to obtain shelter; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the 2017 San Benito County Homeless Census and Survey, the population experiencing homelessness since 2011 within the County of San Benito has increased by 173%; and

WHEREAS, in San Benito County nearly 73% of the homeless population in 2017 report having lived on the streets for more than one year with 90% of that population having been a resident of San Benito County prior to their latest incidence of homelessness; and

WHEREAS, such inability to obtain shelter creates a threat to the health and safety of such persons; and

WHEREAS, Government Code sections 8698 through 8698.2 authorizes the Board of Supervisors of the County to declare the existence of a shelter crisis upon a finding that a significant number of residents within the unincorporated areas of the County of San Benito are without the ability to obtain shelter, and

WHEREAS, upon such declaration by the Board of Supervisors, Government Code section 8698 through 8698.2 allows the County to permit such persons unable to obtain housing to occupy temporary structures for the duration of the crisis under the conditions provided by the foregoing statutes.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Benito as follows:

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1. The San Benito County Board of Supervisors finds and declares a shelter crisis exists pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of California Government Code Section 8698 through 8698.2 within the unincorporated areas of the County of San Benito County because a significant number of residents are without the ability to obtain shelter, resulting in a threat to their health and safety.

2. The shelter crisis declaration shall continue to be in effect until terminated by the Board of Supervisors.

1	3. The Director of Health and Human Services is authorized and directed to provide supportive services to homeless individuals through the Community Services & Workforce Development Homeless Resources Center and Whole Person Care programs and to encourage groups within the community to provide emergency shelter and to work with such agencies or groups to	
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3	provide safe and dry shelter alternatives for those without shelter in the community.	
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6	PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Benito, State of California, at the meeting of said Board on this <u>21<sup>st</sup></u> day of August, 2018, by the following vote:	
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8	AYES: SUPERVISORS: NOES: SUPERVISORS:	
9	ABSENT: SUPERVISORS: ABSTAIN: SUPERVISORS:	
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12	County passed and adopted at a duly convened meeting on the date set forth above, and sa	
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15	By:Anthony Botelho, Chair	
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18	ATTEST: APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:	
19	Janet Slibsager, Clerk of the Board San Benito County Counsel's Office	
20	By: By:	
21	Irma Valencia, Deputy County Counsel	
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