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 Section 46-1008(2), Idaho Code, to declare an emergency and then extend the declaration of that emergency for 30 additional days; and
WHEREAS, no emergency orders may violate the constitutionally protected 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 projected COVID-19 death rate numbers have proven to be significantly overestimated 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.