## City of Colfax City Council

## Resolution № 24-2022

AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(e) [AB 361]

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 54953(e), as adopted by Assembly Bill 361 (AB 361) allows the Council to hold open meetings by teleconference without reference to otherwise applicable requirements of Government Code Section 54953(b)(3), so long as Council complies with legally-imposed requirements, there exists a declared state of emergency, and one of the following circumstances is met: (1) State or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, (2) Council is holding the meeting for the purpose of determining, by majority vote, whether as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees, and (3) Council has determined, by majority vote, that as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees; and,

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Governor proclaimed a state of emergency pursuant to Government Code Section 8625, and that proclamation remains in effect; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City Council hereby declares that a state of emergency as a result of the threat of COVID-19 still exists and continues to impact the ability of members of the public, the City Council, Council subcommittees, City staff and consultants to meet safely in person.

## NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the City Council of the City of Colfax as follows:

- 1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct statements of fact and are incorporated into this Resolution by this reference.
- 2. The City Council hereby finds and declares the following conditions are met as required by Government Code Section 54953(e)(3):
- (i) The Governor of California proclaimed a state of emergency on March 4, 2020, pursuant to Government Code Section 8625, which remains in effect.
- (ii) The City Council has determined that, as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees.
- 3. The City Manager is authorized to utilize teleconferencing to conduct all City of Colfax public meetings pursuant to AB 361 and Government Code Section 54953(e).
- 4. In accordance with AB 361, the City Council shall reconsider the passage of this Resolution not less than every 30 days to determine whether a state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the Council to meet safely in person, or whether state or local officials continue to impose or recommend social distancing, until this Resolution is rescinded.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Colfax held on the 22nd of June, 2022, by the following vote of the

Council:

AYES: Lomen, Ackerman, Mendoza, Burruss

NOES: Fatula ABSTAIN: ABSENT:

**ATTEST:** 

Marguerite Bailey City Clerk

Trinity Burruss, Mayor