

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SAN BENITO COUNTY  
EXTENDING THE TERM OF THE GRAND JURY DUE TO IMPACTS OF COVID-19**

**WHEREAS**, on March 4, 2020, the Governor declared a State of Emergency in California due to the threat of Coronavirus Disease 2019 ("COVID-19).

**WHEREAS**, on March 19, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order N-33-20, requiring all Californians to stay home, subject to certain limited exemptions; and

**WHEREAS**, the San Benito County Board of Supervisors is requested to consider a resolution transitioning the Grand Jury from its current fiscal year term to a calendar year term, which would permit the current Grand Jury to serve until December 31, 2020, if necessary, to complete its work; and

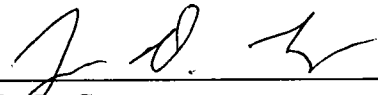
**WHEREAS**, Penal Code section 905.5 expressly permits a county board of supervisors "by resolution or ordinance" to transition the grand jury from a fiscal year term to calendar year term, and from a calendar year term to fiscal year term;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that, in light of the foregoing circumstances and the temporary suspension of the Grand Jury caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, and pursuant to Penal Code section 905.5, subdivision (b), the current San Benito County Grand Jury shall continue serving until December 31, 2020, unless discharged earlier upon completion of its duties, by the San Benito County Superior Court; and


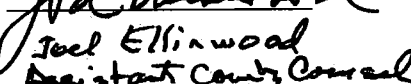
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the San Benito County Grand Jury will thereafter transition back to a fiscal year term, meaning that the next Grand Jury will be impaneled from January 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022 (18 months), at which time the Grand Jury will resume its normal fiscal year schedule.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the San Benito County Board of Supervisors, State of California, at the meeting of said Board held on the 29th day of June, 2020 by the following vote:

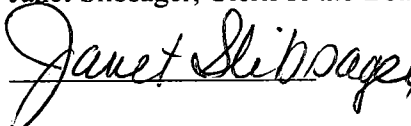
AYES: SUPERVISORS De La Cruz, Botelho, Hernandez, Medina, Gillio  
NOES: SUPERVISORS none   
ABSTAIN: SUPERVISORS none   
ABSENT: SUPERVISORS none

BY:   
Jaime De La Cruz  
Chair of San Benito County Board of Supervisors

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:  
Barbara Thompson, County Counsel

  
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Joel Ellinwood  
Assistant County Counsel

ATTEST:  
Janet Slibsager, Clerk of the Board

  
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