



Resolution #20-04-03

**RESOLUTION CALLING ON ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO
CLOSE BEACHES AND ENFORCE SOCIAL DISTANCING DURING DEADLY
CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC**

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Governor of California proclaimed a State of Emergency in response to the threat of COVID-19 and subsequently issued Executive Order N-33-20, and the State Public Health Officer ordered “all individuals living in the State of California to stay home or at their place of residence except as needed to maintain” critical infrastructure and essential activities; and

WHEREAS, Orange County Health Care Agency, notwithstanding a critical shortage in testing capabilities, reports 2,074 positive COVID-19 cases and 39 related deaths as of April 26, 2020; and

WHEREAS, at their April 21, 2020 meeting, a majority of Orange County’s Board of Supervisors opposed Supervisor Lisa Bartlett’s motion to close the beaches in anticipation of warmer weather. Subsequently, tens of thousands of individuals, many of whom failed to wear protective masks or observe CDC-recommended social distancing, flocked to local beaches from Orange County and neighboring counties.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party of Orange County urges the Orange County Board of Supervisors to immediately close all beaches in Orange County and enforce California’s Executive Order N-33-20 of March 19, 2020 during the State of Emergency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, should the Orange County Board of Supervisors fail to pass such measures, the Democratic Party of Orange County will further urge state lawmakers and Governor Newsom’s administration to support this call for this much needed public health and safety measure.

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Adopted by the Democratic Party of Orange County on April 27, 2020.