

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CURRY**

**In the Matter of a Resolution Declaring a)
Childcare Emergency for Curry County) RESOLUTION NO. 2022-23
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WHEREAS, data delivered through the Ford Family Foundation's 2022 Oregon by the Numbers report, proves Curry County a childcare desert; and,

WHEREAS, the shortage of childcare availability has been made significantly worse by the COVID-19 pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, for every childcare slot filled in Curry County, there is a minimum of three additional children waiting for an opening; and,

WHEREAS, young children being able to receive the benefits of early education, preparing them for entrance into the public education system, should be equitable and accessible by all; and,

WHEREAS, the essential and basic needs of housing, food, transportation, and healthcare are all impacted by inadequate childcare resources, forcing families to make sacrifices in their budget; and,

WHEREAS, demand for childcare drives the cost beyond what is sustainable for a single parent, who spends upwards of 53% of their income for childcare across income groups; and,

WHEREAS, with the increased cost of 10% for childcare in one year, the average home based childcare cost to families per child is \$9,153/yr. and \$13,518/yr. for center based childcare; and,

WHEREAS, the need to support families, education, small business, workforce, industry, local economy, social sustainability, and mental health is urgent; and,

WHEREAS, as a result, local, regional, and state organizations, non-profits, districts, departments, and agencies have collaborated to advocate and deliver solutions in the best interest of our communities.

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NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Curry County Commissioners, herein assembled, resolves to declare a childcare emergency exists in Curry County.

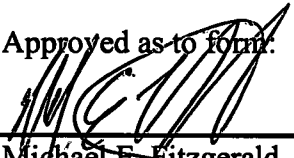
DATED this 2ND day of November, 2022.

CURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



John Herzog, Chair

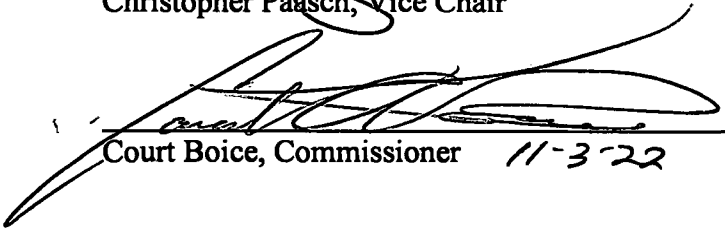
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