Resolution 2023- <u>26</u> Resolution Regarding the Confidentiality of Appanoose County Disaster Recovery Plan/Continuity of Operations Plan

WHEREAS, The Appanoose County Board of Supervisors, recognizes the threat that major emergencies and disaster events pose to people and property within our community;

WHEREAS, The Appanoose County Board of Supervisors has determined the adoption of a Disaster Recovery/Continuity of Operations Plan is necessary. The plan provides general guidelines and principles for managing and coordinating the overall planning, response, recovery and mitigation activities before, during and after major emergencies and disaster events that affect Appanoose County;

WHEREAS, Code of Iowa, Chapter 22, subsection 7, paragraph 50 identifies confidential public records as: Information and records concerning physical infrastructure, cyber security, critical infrastructure, security procedures, or emergency preparedness developed, maintained, or held by a government body for the protection of life or property, if disclosure could reasonably be expected to jeopardize such life or property.

- a. Such information includes but is not limited to information directly related to vulnerability assessments; information contained in records relating to security measures such as security and response plans, security codes and combinations, passwords, restricted area passes, keys, and security or response procedures; emergency response protocols; and information contained in records that if disclosed would significantly increase the vulnerability of critical physical systems or infrastructures to attack.
- b. This subsection shall only apply to information held by a government body that has adopted a rule or policy identifying the specific records or class of records to which this subsection applies and which is contained in such a record; and

WHEREAS, the Appanoose County Board of Supervisors advocates 100% transparency in local government, has concluded that releasing public records related to the vulnerabilities of disaster recovery efforts would be irresponsible and detrimental to the public/taxpayers and may allow bad actors to affect the integrity of the continuity of operations plan administered by the County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Appanoose County Board of Supervisors, a government body defined in Code of Iowa Chapter 22, section 1, paragraph 1, hereby designates as a matter of public policy that any public records related to Appanoose County's Disaster Recovery/Continuity of Operations Plan and the protection, security measures, response plans, emergency preparedness, security codes/combinations/passwords, restricted

physical area passes, keys, audio/video systems, emergency response protocols, vulnerabilities, and any information contained in records that if disclosed would significantly increase the vulnerability of continuity of operations shall remain confidential public records unless such public records are approved for examination or released by the Appanoose Board of Supervisors; and

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that this resolution is effective upon the date of approval by the Appanoose County Board of Supervisors.

ADOPTED AND PASSED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Appanoose this 17^{th} day of April, 2023

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Linda Demry – Chairperson Board of Supervisors

Attest:

Kelly Howard - County Auditor