

RESOLUTION NO. 17-2021

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING FERGUS COUNTY'S INTENT TO STEP DOWN AS
HOST ENTITY FOR THE CENTRAL MONTANA HEALTH DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, Fergus County has been serving as host entity for the Central Montana Health District; and

WHEREAS, as host entity, Fergus County has employed CMHD staff and provided other support to CMHD, including payroll, accounting, human resources, and legal services; and

WHEREAS, as host entity, Fergus County has accepted financial and legal risks for CMHD, including via its health and liability insurance policies; and

WHEREAS, CMHD employees made it clear at the June 17, 2021, CMHD board meeting that they are strongly opposed to continuing as Fergus County employees; and

WHEREAS, at that meeting the CMHD board responded to Fergus County's efforts to guide CMHD into compliance with House Bill 121 by accusing Fergus County of making a power grab; and

WHEREAS, at that meeting representatives of Musselshell and Wheatland counties stated that those counties would consider serving as host entity for CMHD; and

WHEREAS, Fergus County recognizes the importance of public health programs and services and seeks continuing success for CMHD and its employees, programs, and services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that no later than January 1, 2022, Fergus County will step down as host entity for CMHD.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Fergus County will work cooperatively with a new host entity to ensure a smooth transition occurs as quickly as possible.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 24th day of June, 2021.

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