

PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY
FOR THE COUNTY OF SONOMA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS, the County of Sonoma Code of Ordinances, Chapter 10, Article 1(b) empowers the Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence of a Local Emergency when the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors is not in session, and

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services finds:

(1) That at the time of this proclamation the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors is not in session;

(2) That conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within the County caused by wildland fires, referred to as the Austin Creek "13-4" Fire and Fort Ross "11-16" Fire, which are fast-moving fires causing wildland destruction, threatening people and structures, and resulting in mandatory evacuation orders; and

(3) That conditions of extreme peril caused by these fires are exacerbated by extreme heat and fire danger weather, rolling power outages, and the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, which have impacted significant County and community operations and resources, and require the provision of additional public safety, health and emergency services;

(4) That conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property will continue within the County because of the damaged caused and ongoing threat of the fires, coupled with the threats from fire danger weather and the ongoing COVID-19 emergency, and the situation is of such severity and magnitude that effective response is beyond the capabilities of the affected local governments;

(5) That the aforementioned conditions of extreme peril and warrant and necessitate the proclamation of a Local Emergency; now, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that a Local Emergency exists throughout Sonoma County, commencing on or about ____ .m of the 18th day of August 2020, and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said Local Emergency, the powers, functions and duties of the Director of Emergency Services shall be those

1 prescribed by state law and the ordinances, resolutions, and approved plan of the County of Sonoma in
2 order to mitigate the effects of said Local Emergency, and

3 **IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED** that said Local Emergency shall be
4 deemed to continue to exist for the next seven (7) days, and hereafter by ratification of the Sonoma County
5 Board of Supervisors, until its termination is proclaimed by the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors; and

6 **IT IS REQUESTED** that the Governor of the State of California proclaim a State of
7 Emergency; waive any regulations that may hinder response and recovery efforts; make available California
8 Disaster Assistance Act Assistance; and seek all available forms of disaster assistance and relief programs,
9 including a request for a Presidential Declaration of a Major Disaster.

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11 Dated: _____

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12 Director of Emergency Services

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