



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: December 5, 2023

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

4/5 Vote Required

**Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California,
Proclaiming The Existence Of A Local Emergency Due To The Existence of Avian Influenza
Within The Sonoma County Operational Area**

Whereas, California Government Code section 8630 empowers the Board of Supervisors to proclaim the existence of a local emergency when Sonoma County Operational Area (“County”) is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity; and

Whereas, conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within the County caused by existence of the highly virulent avian influenza, commonly known as bird flu, which will require the provision of additional public safety and emergency services caused by the existence of avian influenza; and

Whereas, avian influenza spreads directly through airborne transmission but can also be transmitted when fecal matter from an infected bird comes in contact with feathers, feed, water or soil; and

Whereas, avian influenza can also spread through contaminated shoes, gloves, or equipment; and

Whereas, the existence of avian influenza is forcing the euthanasia of approximately 250,000 birds and could force the euthanasia of an unknown number of additional birds within the County; and

Whereas, the aforesaid conditions of extreme peril warrant and necessitate the proclamation of a Local Emergency.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that a Local Emergency exists throughout Sonoma County Operational Area; and

Be It Further Resolved that that during the existence of said Local Emergency, the powers, functions and duties of the Director of Emergency Services shall be those prescribed by state law and the ordinances, resolutions, and approved plan of the County of Sonoma in order to mitigate the effects of said Local Emergency, and

It Is Further Proclaimed and Ordered, pursuant to Government Code section 8630, the Board of Supervisors shall review the need for continuing this local emergency at least once every sixty days until the Board of Supervisors terminates the local emergency; and

It Is Further Proclaimed and Ordered that a copy of this proclamation be forwarded to the State Director of the Office of Emergency Services and all State and Federal legislators representing the County of Sonoma; and

It Is Requested that the Governor of the State of California proclaim a State of Emergency due to the existence of the highly virulent avian influenza in the State of California, waive regulations that may hinder response and recovery efforts, and make available California Disaster Assistance Act funding.

Supervisors:

Gorin:

Rabbitt:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Coursey:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.