



# County of Sonoma

## State of California

Date: October 15, 2019

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### **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SONOMA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, TERMINATING THE PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY AND PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY RELATING TO THE SONOMA COMPLEX FIRES**

**WHEREAS**, California Government Code section 8630 and Section 10.5, Chapter 10 of the Sonoma County Code, empowers the County Administrator to proclaim the existence of a local emergency when the county is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity. Such proclamations are subject to ratification by the Board of Supervisors; and

**WHEREAS**, around midnight on the 8th day of October, 2017, conditions of extreme peril to personal safety and property arose within the County due to the existence of multiple large, fast-moving fires, referred to as the Sonoma Complex Fires; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Administrator of the County of Sonoma proclaimed the existence of a local emergency within the Sonoma County Operational Area on the 9th day of October, 2017, and then made another proclamation with a request that the Governor of the State of California make available California Disaster Act Assistance and seek all available forms of disaster assistance and relief programs, including a request for a Presidential Declaration of a Major Disaster; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of the State of California did proclaim a State of Emergency due to the Sonoma Complex Fires and declared eligibility for Fire Management Assistance Grant and other relief programs; and

**WHEREAS**, a federal Presidential Declaration of a Major Disaster for the State of California (FEMA-4344-DR), dated October 10, 2017, was issued, along with related determinations and amendments; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 10, 2017, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma adopted Resolution No. 17-0389 ratifying the County Administrator's Proclamations of local emergency relating to the Sonoma Complex Fires; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 12, 2017, the County Health Officer and County Director of Environmental Health jointly proclaimed the existence of a local health emergency. On October 17, 2017, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma adopted Resolution No. 17-0391 to ratify that joint

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proclamation. The Board of Supervisors subsequently extended the proclamation of local health emergency as required by law; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 19, 2017, the Governor of the State of California issued Executive Order B-45-17, ordering that the extension requirements for proclamations of local health emergencies related to the Complex Fires would be waived and that such local health emergencies would remain in effect until terminated by each respective local governing authority; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sonoma Complex Fires left a large debris field in their wake, creating unique removal concerns due to the potential presence of hazardous materials and the large scale of the incident; and

**WHEREAS**, extensive debris removal efforts were undertaken. A total number of 4,888 properties required such debris removal, including 3,674 properties that participated in the public-cleanup program, and 1,214 properties that individually undertook their own debris removal; and

**WHEREAS**, required debris removal from nearly all affected properties has been completed, notwithstanding a small number of sites that remain to be finalized; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 11, 2018, the Board of Supervisors approved the Recovery & Resiliency Framework. Significant progress has been made in implementing Framework goals and priorities, resulting in expedited timeframes for recovery and creating a more resilient Sonoma County; and

**WHEREAS**, Government Code section 8630 requires that the Board proclaim the termination of a local emergency at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant; and

**WHEREAS**, Health and Safety Code section 101080 requires that the Board proclaim the termination of a local health emergency at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant;

**WHEREAS**, the conditions and effects of the 2017 Complex Fires have been abated to such an extent that the County's normal procedures, powers, and resources are now adequate to handle remaining conditions and/or effects without need for the extraordinary powers and procedures available under the local emergency proclamation; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Administrator has informed the Board that the conditions due to the 2017 Complex Fires are now deemed to be within the control of the normal services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** as follows:

The Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims the termination of the above-described local emergency (first proclaimed October 9, 2017) and the local health emergency (first proclaimed October 12, 2017).

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**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board this 15th day of October, 2019.

**Supervisors:**

Gorin:

Zane:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Rabbitt:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

**So Ordered.**