



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: October 31, 2019

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

☐ 4/5 Vote Required

**Resolution of The Board of Supervisors of The County Of Sonoma, State of California,
Ratifying the Proclamation of Local Emergency Due to the Kincade Fire, Exacerbated by the
Extreme Fire Danger Created by Successive Wind Events and Corresponding De-Energization
in the Sonoma County Operational Area**

Whereas, on October 24, 2019, the Director of Emergency Services for the County of Sonoma Issued a Proclamation of a Local Emergency for the County of Sonoma, State of California related to the Kincade Fire and risk of additional fires in light of the Kincade fire, extreme fire danger weather and concurrent Pacific Gas and Electric (“PG&E”) de-energization events underway and anticipated (the “Director’s Declaration of Local Emergency”); and

Whereas, on October 25, 2019, the Governor of the State of California proclaimed a state of emergency exists in Sonoma County due to the fires in Sonoma County; and

Whereas, pursuant to Sonoma County Code Chapter 10, Article 1, Section 10-5, where the Director of Emergency Services proclaims a local emergency, the Board of Supervisors must ratify said declaration within seven (7) days after such proclamation; and

Whereas, the conditions of extreme peril created by the Kincade Fire were exacerbated by an unprecedented series of wind events—commencing on Tuesday, October 22, 2019, Saturday, October 26, 2019, and Tuesday, October 29, 2019, respectively—with historic maximum wind speeds and corresponding de-energization of large portions of the electric grid in the Sonoma County Operational Area; and

Whereas, the Kincade Fire has caused widespread destruction, burning 76,825 acres as of October 30, 2019, and destroying 206 structures-including the loss of 94 homes; and

Whereas, the succession of wind events has created extremely dry conditions and left a lingering and extremely high fire risk in the Sonoma County Operational Area; and

Whereas, full containment of the Kincade Fire is not expected until at least November 7, 2019; and

Whereas, the Board of Supervisors does hereby find that the circumstances of the Kincade Fire and danger of additional fires as described in the Director's Declaration of Local Emergency do constitute a risk of extreme peril and support and justify the declaration of local emergency set forth therein, the request for the Governor of the State of California to proclaim a Stage of Emergency; and the request to make additional assistance available, including but not limited to California Disaster Act Assistance; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved the Board of Supervisors does hereby ratify the Director's Declaration of Local Emergency, effective immediately upon the adoption of this resolution.

Be It Further Resolved and Proclaimed that the County Administrator is delegated authority to take all actions reasonably necessary to respond to the de-energization event and Kincade fire, including but not limited to providing the appropriate authority to the County Payroll Manager regarding employee pay for time not worked due to impacts from the emergency resulting from the Kincaid Fire for the October 22, 2019 to November 4, 2019 pay period.

Supervisors:

Gorin: Zane: Gore: Hopkins: Rabbitt:

Ayes: Noes: Absent: Abstain:

So Ordered.