

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

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

7 **WHEREAS**, the Director of Emergency Services finds:

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

10 (2) That conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen
11 within the County caused by wildland fires, referred to as the Shady Fire, which began on September 27,
12 2020, is a fast-moving fire causing wildland destruction, threatening people and structures, and resulting in
13 mandatory evacuation orders; and

14 (3) That conditions of extreme peril caused by the fire are exacerbated by multiple fires
15 in neighboring counties, extreme heat and fire danger weather, and the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic,
16 which have impacted significant County and community operations and resources, and require the provision
17 of additional public safety, health and emergency services;

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

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

24 **IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED** that a Local Emergency exists throughout Sonoma
25 County, commencing on or about ____ .m of the 28th day of September 2020, and

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

12 Director of Emergency Services
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