

1 PROCLAMATION OF EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY

2 BY THE EMERGENCY SERVICES DIRECTOR

3 COUNTY OF FRESNO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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5 IN THE MATTER OF THE)
6 2025 Garnet Fire)

PROCLAMATION

7 Whereas, the California Emergency Services Act (Government Code section 8630, et. seq.)
8 establishes procedures for proclaiming emergencies and for responding promptly to the needs that
9 arise during emergencies; and

10 Whereas, section 2.44.060.A. of the Fresno County Code and Section 8630 of the
11 Government Code empower the County Administrative Officer/Emergency Services Director or his
12 designee, or the Board of Supervisors if in session, to proclaim the existence of a local emergency
13 when the County is affected by or likely to be affected by a public calamity; and

14 WHEREAS, the Emergency Services Director of the County of Fresno does hereby find that
15 a crippling disaster, which severely impairs public health and public safety, is created by conditions
16 of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property which have arisen within said County, due to
17 the 2025 Garnet Fire threatening the mountains of the Sierra National Forest; and

18 WHEREAS, this wildfire has necessitated the evacuation of County residents and visitors;
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20 WHEREAS, approximately 9,159 acres have burned, and the wildfire is zero percent
21 contained; and

22 WHEREAS this wildfire is also threatening homes and critical power transmission
23 infrastructure; and

24 WHEREAS, drought conditions have caused massive numbers of trees to die, resulting in
25 increased fuel and risk of wildfires; and

26 WHEREAS, there is an imminent threat of increased severity and rapid rate of growth from
27 this wildfire coupled by lightning, rain, and windstorms; and

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1 WHEREAS, the circumstances of this wildfire, by reason of its imminent threat, are beyond
2 the control of the services, personnel, equipment, facilities and finances of any single local
3 government and require the combined forces of a mutual aid region or regions to combat; and

4 WHEREAS, on August 26, 2025 the Fresno County Office of Emergency Services was
5 informed of the fire's severity; and

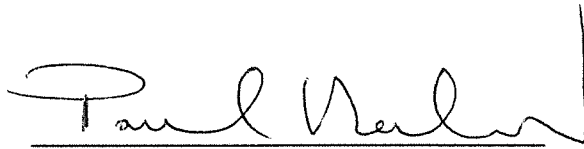
6 WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno is not in session and cannot
7 immediately be called into session.

8 NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that a local emergency now exists in
9 said County; and

10 IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said local
11 emergency the powers, functions, and duties for the emergency organization of this County shall
12 be those prescribed by state law, ordinances and resolutions of this County, and by the Fresno
13 County Operational Area Master Emergency Services Plan, as approved by the Board of
14 Supervisors; and

15 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this proclamation be forwarded to the State
16 Director of the Office of Emergency Services.

17 This emergency is proclaimed in the County of Fresno, State of California, on the 26th day
18 of August 2025, to-wit:

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21 Paul Nerland, County Administrative Officer/
22 Emergency Services Director
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