BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF FRESNO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER REGARDING THE 2022-23 WINTER STORMS	RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO WINTER STORMS

WHEREAS, a local emergency presently exists in the County of Fresno in accordance with the ratification and proclamation thereof by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno on the 13th day of January, 2023, as a result of a crippling disaster, which severely impaired public health and public safety, created by conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property which have arisen within the County caused by the Winter Storms beginning on December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, on January 9, 2023, the Emergency Services Director of the County of Fresno, proclaimed a local emergency due to severe winter storms; and

WHEREAS, on January 13, 2023, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno ratified the proclamation by the Emergency Services Director and adopted a resolution proclaiming the local emergency status; and

WHEREAS, on January 4, 2023, the Governor of the State of California proclaimed a State of Emergency throughout the State as a result of the winter storms; and

WHEREAS, on January 11, 2023, the County of Fresno was added to the list of Counties included in the Presidential Emergency Declaration; and

WHEREAS, ingress and egress for residents in the foothill community area of Shaver Lake and Big Creek was compromised due to the complete closures of Highway 168 and Huntington Lake Road, partial closure of Auberry Road, and damage to other public roads; and

WHEREAS, County staff continue to assess damages to roads, bridges, and other infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, local resources are inadequate to cope with the effects of said emergency and the combined forces of other political subdivisions of the State are required to assist the County to combat the effects of said emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors that a Local Emergency exists throughout Fresno County and that said Local Emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is proclaimed by the Board of Supervisors; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said local emergency the powers, functions, and duties for the emergency organization of this County shall be those prescribed by State law, ordinances and resolutions of this County, and by the County of Fresno Operational Area Master Emergency Services Plan; and

IT IS REQUESTED that the Governor of California continue to make available assistance programs including, but not limited to, California Disaster Assistance Act, and continue to request additional Federal assistance programs to provide relief to public agencies that are impacted this disaster; and

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

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THE FOREGOING, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 20th day of May 2025, to-wit:

AYES: Supervisors Bredefeld, Chavez, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None

Ernest Buddy Mendes, Chairman of the
Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno

ATTEST:
Bernice E. Seidel
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Fresno, State of California

By: _____
Deputy