

PROCLAMATION OF EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY

BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COUNTY OF FRESNO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF)
THE 2020 CREEK FIRE)

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Fresno County Ordinance Code, Chapter 2.44, empowers the Emergency Services Director to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when said County is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity and the Board of Supervisors is not in session; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Services Director of the County of Fresno did find that a crippling disaster, which severely impairs public health and public safety, was created by conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property which have arisen within said County, due to the 2020 Creek Fire, commencing on the 4th day of September, 2020 and escalating in accumulated impact on this County; and

WHEREAS, drought conditions have caused massive numbers of trees to die, increased Fresno County's risk of wildfires, and increased the severity and spread of this wildfire; and

WHEREAS, the circumstances of this wildfire, by reason of its magnitude and rapid rate of growth, is unprecedented in the County of Fresno and is beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, facilities and finances of any single local government; and

WHEREAS, approximately 163,000 acres have been destroyed and the wildfire is zero percent contained; and

WHEREAS, the wildfire has caused loss of vegetation that will lead to erosion and slope instability that threaten ingress and egress roads and bridges; and

WHEREAS, the County and other local agencies will need to take expedited actions to mitigate these issues, including environmental assessments, emergency actions, and repair work; and

1 WHEREAS, the County of Fresno Emergency Services Director proclaimed a local
2 emergency on September 5, 2020; and

3 WHEREAS, on September 6, 2020, Governor Newsom proclaimed a state of emergency to
4 exist in Fresno, Madera, and Mariposa Counties as a result of the Creek Fire, and made available
5 State resources to assist in combating the wildfire;

6 NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors ratifies
7 the proclamation of a local emergency proclaimed by the Emergency Services Director of the
8 County of Fresno on September 5, 2020; and

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

13 IT IS FURTHER REQUESTED that the Governor of California make available assistance
14 programs including, but not limited to, California Disaster Assistance Act, and seek Federal
15 assistance programs to provide relief to the individuals, businesses, public and private agencies
16 that are harmed by this disaster; and

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

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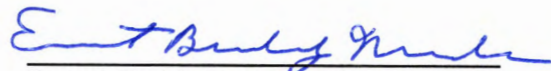
1 THE FOREGOING, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of
2 Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 10th day of September, 2020, to-wit:

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4 AYES: Supervisors Brandau, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco, Quintero

5 NOES: None

6 ABSENT: None


7 ABSTAINED: None

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

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11 **ATTEST:**

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

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