

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF FRESNO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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3 IN THE MATTER OF THE  
4 2020 CREEK FIRE  
5 IN FRESNO COUNTY

RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE  
EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL HEALTH  
EMERGENCY

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7 **WHEREAS**, California Health and Safety Code, Division 101, Part 3, Chapter 2, Article 2,  
8 Sections 101075 through 101095, confer upon Local Health Officers of the political subdivisions of  
9 the State of California, emergency powers necessary to protect public health and safety; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Section 101080 of the California Health and Safety Code authorizes a Local  
11 Health Officer to declare a local health emergency whenever the Local Health Officer reasonably  
12 determines that hazardous waste or waste that may become hazardous waste, is an immediate  
13 threat to the public health; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Section 101075 of the California Health and Safety Code defines hazardous  
15 waste as waste or combination of wastes, that because of its quality, concentration, or physical  
16 chemical, or infectious characteristics may do any of the following: (1) cause, or significantly  
17 contribute to an increase in mortality or an increase in serious irreversible, or incapacitating  
18 reversible, illness; or (2) pose a substantial present or potential hazard to human health or  
19 environment when improperly treated, stored, transported, or disposed of, or otherwise managed;  
20 and

21 **WHEREAS**, 650 structures have been destroyed including 500 homes and 5 businesses,  
22 and millions of dollars in damages to public and private infrastructure has occurred; and

23 **WHEREAS**, debris and ash from structure fires can contain hazardous substances. Building  
24 materials such as siding, roofing tiles, insulation, or household items such as paint, gasoline,  
25 cleaning products, pesticides, compressed gas cylinders, and chemicals can result in dangerous  
26 ash that contains asbestos, heavy metals, and other hazardous materials; and

27 **WHEREAS**, hazardous debris that remains after a wildfire can expose residents to toxic  
28 materials, improper transport and disposal of fire debris can create dangerous health impacts to

1 workes removing the debris, such debris can threaten water supplies, and such harmful material  
2 can spread throughout the community at large; and

3 WHEREAS, on September 18, 2020, the Fresno County Health Officer declared a local  
4 health emergency to exist in the County of Fresno under the provisions of California Health and  
5 Safety Code section 101080; and

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

10 IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that a copy of the Resolution be  
11 forwarded to the State Director of the Office of Emergency Services.

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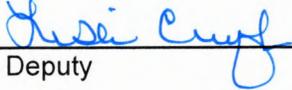
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THE FOREGOING, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September 2020, to wit:

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