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2 **BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**
3 COUNTY OF FRESNO
4 STATE OF CALIFORNIA

5 IN THE MATTER REGARDING THE
6 2022-23 WINTER STORMS

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE
EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL
EMERGENCY DUE TO WINTER STORMS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

29 WHEREAS, local resources are inadequate to cope with the effects of said emergency
30 and the combined forces of other political subdivisions of the State are required to assist the
31 County to combat the effects of said emergency.
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1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors that a
2 Local Emergency exists throughout Fresno County and that said Local Emergency shall be
3 deemed to continue to exist until its termination is proclaimed by the Board of Supervisors; and

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

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

12 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the State
13 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 8th day of April 2025, to-wit:

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4 AYES:

5 NOES:

6 ABSENT:

7 ABSTAINED:
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11 Ernest Buddy Mendes, Chairman of the
12 Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno

13 **ATTEST:**

14 Bernice E. Seidel
15 Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
16 County of Fresno, State of California

17 By: _____
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