

RESOLUTION # \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION OF THE LASSEN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CONFIRMING AND  
RATIFYING THE PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 8630 and Lassen County Code Section 11.14.060 empowers the Lassen County Emergency Services Chief to proclaim the existence of a local emergency when the County is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity and the Board of Supervisors is not in session; and

WHEREAS, conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within Lassen County as of July 27, 2018, when the Whaleback Fire began burning private and public lands; and

WHEREAS, the Lassen County Emergency Services Chief did proclaim the existence of a local emergency within the County of Lassen due to the Whaleback Fire on July 31, 2018; and,

WHEREAS, the proclamation was forwarded to the Governor of the State of California with a request that he also proclaim the County of Lassen to be in a State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, prior to and on the day of proclamation the Whaleback Fire was continuing to burn threatening homes, structures, public facilities and infrastructure; had destroyed power distribution infrastructure resulting in long term outages; necessitating mandatory evacuations of the Eagle Lake basin including the community of Spalding; the closure of County Roads A-1, 21 and 231; evacuation warning for the communities of Bucks Bay and Stones Landing; and

WHEREAS, on August 2, 2018, the Whaleback Fire had expanded to approximately 18,726 acres with 55% containment with at least 45 engines, 8 helicopters, 15 dozers, and 18 water tenders, 18 hand crews being 780 total fire personnel in addition to local, state and federal personnel and resources providing law enforcement, traffic safety, infrastructure, and shelter and services assistance to evacuees; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors does hereby find that the previously mentioned conditions of extreme peril did warrant and necessitate the proclamation of a local emergency and a request to the Governor of the State of California to Proclaim a State of Emergency throughout Lassen County; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid conditions are, or are likely to be, beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of Lassen County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lassen County Board of Supervisors ratifies the proclamation of said local emergency by the Lassen County Emergency Services Chief and proclaims and orders this said local emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is proclaimed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Lassen, State of California.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of the County of Lassen shall be those prescribed by state law, local ordinance, and resolutions of the County of Lassen and the Board of Supervisors shall review the need for continuing the local emergency at least once every 30 days until its termination is proclaimed by the Board of Supervisors.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this proclamation shall be forwarded to the Governor of California with a request that he proclaim the County of Lassen to be in a state of emergency and that he make available California Disaster Assistance Act disaster assistance and relief programs to Lassen County; and further that the Governor request a Presidential Declaration.

The foregoing resolution was adopted at a special meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Lassen, State of California, held on the 6th day of August, 2018, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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Chairman of the Board of Supervisors,  
County of Lassen, State of California

ATTEST:  
JULIE BUSTAMANTE  
Clerk of the Board

BY \_\_\_\_\_  
MICHELE YDERRAGA, Deputy Clerk of the Board

I, MICHELE YDERRAGA, Deputy Clerk of the Board of the Board of Supervisors, County of Lassen, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the said Board of Supervisors at a special meeting thereof held on the 6th day of August, 2018

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Deputy Clerk of the County of Lassen Board of Supervisors