

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LASSEN
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 proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency as defined by California Government Code Section 8558 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 on August 17, 2020, with substantial response to the fire being delayed, resulting in significant fire growth; and

WHEREAS, the Lassen County Emergency Services Chief did proclaim the existence of a local emergency within the County of Lassen due to the Sheep Fire on August 24, 2020 which is attached and incorporated herein as Attachment 1, page 1-2; 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, on August 22, 2020 the President of the United State approved California's request for a Presidential Major Disaster Declaration to bolster the state's emergency response; and

WHEREAS, the County was notified that the State Cal OES Director had approved California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) funding available to Lassen County; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lassen and Emergency Services are currently operating under a Local Emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic; 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 is consistent with the Governor of the State of California's declaration of statewide emergency due to this fire and others throughout the state including Lassen County; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned 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 local 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 emergence once every 30 days until its termination is proclaimed by the Board of Supervisors.

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 continues to make available California Disaster Assistance Act disaster assistance and relief programs to the County of Lassen; and further that the Governor request a Presidential Declaration to aid Lassen County.

This resolution was adopted on the 31st day of August 2020, at a special meeting of the Lassen County Board of Supervisors in Susanville, California by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

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

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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 ____ day of _____, 20____.

Deputy Clerk of the County of Lassen County
Board of Supervisors

COUNTY OF LASSEN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, 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, the Lassen County Emergency Services Chief does hereby find:

That the Sheep Fire began burning in the Plumas National Forest on August 17, 2020, with substantial response to the fire being delayed, resulting in significant fire growth; and

That conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property in Lassen County is occurring from the Sheep Fire; and

The Sheep Fire continues to burn, threatening and damaging homes and businesses, structures, public facilities and infrastructure; local state and federal roadways, public utilities and broad-band communications and transmission infrastructure, public schools and the Lassen County Office of Education, Municipal Fire Stations, Offices of the California Highway Patrol, Caltrans Maintenance Facility, Susanville Municipal Airport, Susanville Municipal Golf Course, Diamond View Cemetery, County Municipal Offices, Johnsonville Water System, and necessitating mandatory evacuations and creating failures in communications infrastructure delaying and disrupting evacuation warning and mandatory evacuation orders for the communities of Richmond, Hidden Hills, Gold Run, Susan Hills, Lake Forest Estates, Diane Drive, Johnsonville, Leavitt Lake, Janesville, and portions of the City of Susanville, the closure of State Highway 36 and U.S. 395 and local roadways, and continues to threaten other communities and infrastructure while burning in close proximity to the City of Susanville; necessitating establishing an evacuation center at Lassen Community College and the Lassen County Fairgrounds; and

That the County of Lassen and Emergency Services are currently operating under a Local Emergency relating to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

That on Aug. 22, 2020, the State of California submitted a request for a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) for the Sheep Fire and the FEMA Regional Administrator approved the state's request on Aug. 22, 2020, as the fire threatened to become a major incident; and

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


That the Board of Supervisors of the County of Lassen is not in session, and cannot be immediately called into session.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that a local emergency now exists throughout the County of Lassen; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said local emergency, 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; that this emergency proclamation shall, by operation of law, expire in seven (7) days after issuance unless confirmed and ratified by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Lassen; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that this Proclamation be 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 that he make available California Disaster Assistance Act disaster assistance and relief programs to Lassen County; and further that the Governor request and support a Presidential Declaration.

Dated: August 24, 2020

By: _____
Silas Rojas
Lassen County Emergency Services Chief