

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PROCLAMATION OF EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY

(By: Board of Supervisors)

WHEREAS, California Government Code section 8630 and San Bernardino County Code section 21.0101 et seq. empower the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when San Bernardino County is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of San Bernardino County hereby finds:

WHEREAS, a Novel Coronavirus, COVID-19, which causes infectious disease resulting in symptoms of fever, coughing and shortness of breath with outcomes ranging from mild to severe illness and in some cases death, arose in China and spread to numerous other countries including the United States; and

WHEREAS, San Bernardino County has a population of 2,153,203 and is the fifth largest county in California; and

WHEREAS, San Bernardino County has developed best practices to manage the impacts of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, despite sustained efforts, the long-term impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic continue to put a strain on the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) system in San Bernardino County; and

WHEREAS, communities within the geographical boundaries of San Bernardino County have and will continue to prepare by collaborating to leverage EMS resources; and

WHEREAS, paramedic staffing shortages resulting from delayed training programs due to pandemic restrictions continue to be an ongoing challenge; and

WHEREAS, disruption in supply chains have resulted in ambulance manufacturing delays impacting local providers ability to purchase additional transportation vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the County's largest emergency transport provider continues to utilize out of State resources to help mitigate the staffing shortage; and

WHEREAS, the above described impacts created a condition of extreme risk to the EMS System impacting EMS resources and the safety of persons within the territorial limits of San Bernardino County, which conditions are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of individual EMS providers in San Bernardino County, and require the combined resources of First Responder agencies and transport providers to maximize the number of available resources to maintain the ability to meet response needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that a local emergency exists within the geographic area of San Bernardino County's EMS System as described herein; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that as of this date the Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency (ICEMA) and all County departments and agencies take those actions, measures and steps deemed necessary to assure the safety and welfare of San Bernardino County residents and property, including requesting mutual aid to the extent such aid is necessary and during the existence of said local

emergency the powers and duties of the emergency organization of the County shall be those prescribed by State law, by charter, ordinances, and resolutions of this County, and by the current San Bernardino County Emergency Medical Services Plan, as approved by the Board of Supervisors and/or the Board of Supervisors sitting as the ICEMA Board of Directors.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that a copy of this proclamation be forwarded to the Director of the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, requesting that the Director find it acceptable in accordance with State law; that the Governor of California, pursuant to the Emergency Services Act, waive regulations that may hinder response and recovery efforts; that the Governor make all relevant funds available to San Bernardino County and all eligible community members and businesses, including, but not limited to, California Disaster Assistance Funds Act funds and State Private Nonprofit Organizations Assistance Program funds.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that said local emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is proclaimed by the Board of Supervisors or it is terminated by operation of law.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that a copy of this proclamation be forwarded to the Governor of California.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that a copy of this proclamation be forwarded to the California Emergency Management Agency.

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Curt Hagman, Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Dated: MAR 01 2022

SIGNED AND CERTIFIED THAT A COPY OF THIS
DOCUMENT HAS BEEN DELIVERED TO THE
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

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