

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**PROCLAMATION OF EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY
(By Director of Emergency Services)**

WHEREAS, California Government Code section 8630 and San Bernardino County Code section 21.0101 et seq. empower the Chief Executive Officer 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 the Board of Supervisors is not in session; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Executive Officer of San Bernardino County does hereby find:

WHEREAS, remnants of Hurricane Kay produced conditions of extreme peril to the Safety of persons and property within San Bernardino County, in the form of infrastructure damage from extreme weather including intense rain, wind, flooding, and debris flow throughout San Bernardino County beginning Friday, September 9, 2022, and

WHEREAS, on September 12, 2022 at approximately 1500 a cell from this system produced up to 2.4 inches of rain within one hour over the El Dorado/ Apple Fire Burn Scar and subsequent intermittent thunderstorms continued through September 13, 2022 at approximately 2200 hours, resulting in a need for emergency protective measures, evacuation orders, shelter in place orders, emergency repairs/detours, and ongoing search and rescue operation of areas impacted by debris flow; and

WHEREAS, preliminary damage estimates indicate at least 30 homes damaged or destroyed by debris flow, with the storm affected approximately 3,000 residents in the communities of Forest Falls, and Oak Glen necessitating evacuation and shelter in place orders; and

WHEREAS, damage may continue due to ongoing weather activity including rain, runoff, and additional debris flows; and

WHEREAS, the Initial Damage Estimates are commencing and costs to provide emergency protective measures and repair the damage to infrastructure may be greater than the County's fiscal ability to recover from said emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of San Bernardino County is not in session and cannot immediately be called into session;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that a local emergency exists throughout said County; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that as of this date 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 Plan, as approved by the Board of Supervisors.

ACCORDINGLY, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER ACTING AS THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES HEREBY REQUESTS that the Governor declare a State of Emergency and 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, and that the Governor request that the President of the United States make a Presidential Declaration of Emergency in and for San Bernardino County and make all

relevant funds available to San Bernardino County and all eligible community members and businesses, including, but not limited to, aid provided by the Small Business Administration.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that this local emergency be ratified by the County Board of Supervisors in accordance to section 8630 of the California Government Code.

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 ORDERED that a copy of this proclamation be forwarded to the Secretary of the California Emergency Management Agency.

Dated: 9/14/2022

Time of Signing: 11:05am



Leonard X. Hernandez, CEO
Director of Emergency Services,
San Bernardino County
