

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**IN THE MATTER OF RATIFYING
PROCLAMATION OF THE EXISTENCE
OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY CAUSED BY
ALAMO & WHITTIER FIRES**

RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, Government Code, Sections 8558 and 8630, et seq., and Chapter 12 of the Santa Barbara County Code empower the Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence or threatened 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, subject to ratification by the Board of Supervisors within seven days; and

WHEREAS, On July 6, 2017, a wildfire that has been named the Alamo Fire began burning in San Luis Obispo County and on July 7, 2017 at approximately 1500 hours it crossed into Santa Barbara County near Twitchell Reservoir. As of July 16, 2017, at 0900 hours, the Alamo Fire had grown to approximately 29,000 acres and was at 95% containment with evacuation orders reduced to warnings and road closures lifted; and

WHEREAS, On July 8, 2017, at approximately 1342 hours a wildfire, that has been named the Whittier Fire, started burning near Lake Cachuma. As of July 16, 2017 at 0900 hours, the Whittier Fire has grown to over 18,000 acres. Evacuation orders and warnings are in effect, and roads near the fire remain closed; and

WHEREAS, The existence of two fires of size and complexity that required Type 1 Incident Management Teams occurring simultaneously within the County is unique and unprecedented; and

WHEREAS, Both incidents have resulted in loss and damage to structures, agriculture, infrastructure, recreational areas and facilities, and other property in Santa Barbara County; and

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WHEREAS, The Whittier Fire, at 36% containment after one week, continues to be a threat and has caused conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the County of Santa Barbara. These conditions are beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities of the combined forces of Santa Barbara County Operational Area to combat; and

WHEREAS, on Sunday July 18, 2017, when the Board of Supervisors was not in session, the County Executive Officer, as the Director of Emergency Management, proclaimed a local emergency due to the Alamo and Whittier Fires. The proclamation is effective for a period of seven days unless ratified by the Board of Supervisors;

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors finds these conditions of extreme peril warrant and necessitate the ratification of the Proclamation of Local Emergency caused by the Alamo and Whittier Fires.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that the proclamation of the existence of an emergency as issued by the Director of Emergency Services with regards to the Alamo and Whittier Fires, is ratified by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that the local emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is proclaimed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, California.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California this 18th day of July, 2017 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

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ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

**Chair, Board of Supervisors
County of Santa Barbara**

ATTEST:
MONA MIYASATO
CLERK OF THE BOARD

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
MICHAEL C. GHIZZONI
COUNTY COUNSEL

By _____
Deputy

By _____
Deputy

DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
ROBERT LEWIN
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

By _____