

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

**IN THE MATTER OF TERMINATION
PROCLAMATION OF THE EXISTENCE
OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY CAUSED BY
THE CORONAVIRUS**

RESOLUTION NO. 23-31

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;

WHEREAS, a novel coronavirus, SARS-CoV2 (COVID-19), caused infectious disease and was first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China in December 2019. Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, and shortness of breath; outcomes have ranged from mild to severe illness, and in some cases death. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention considered the virus to be a very serious public health threat; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom declared a state of emergency for conditions caused by COVID-19; and on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, Governor Newsom and California Public Health state officials recommended that non-essential gatherings should be postponed or cancelled across the state at least until the end of March, in order to implement social distancing guidelines intended to protect all individuals, particularly those who are at higher risk for severe illness for COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, as of March 12, 2020 there were 198 confirmed COVID-19 cases in California of which 24 cases are from repatriation flights and 4 deaths; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the Health Officer of the County of Santa Barbara determined that there is an imminent and proximate threat to public health from the introduction of COVID-19 in the County of Santa Barbara, and has declared a Local Health Emergency as a result; and

WHEREAS, the above described conditions were a threat to public health and created conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the County of Santa

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Barbara, which were likely to be, beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities of the combined forces of Santa Barbara County Operational Area to combat; and

WHEREAS, these conditions warranted and necessitated that the County proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency in order to utilize all resources necessary to respond to the impacts of this emergency and receive any needed funding through the California Disaster Assistance Act and any other State and Federal funding that was available; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, at 1745 hours, at which time the Board of Supervisors was not in session, the Director of Emergency Services of the County of Santa Barbara proclaimed the existence of a local emergency within the County of Santa Barbara for the entire Santa Barbara County Operational Area and requested the Governor of California to proclaim the County of Santa Barbara to be in a State of Emergency, within the meaning of Government Code Section 8558;

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the Board of Supervisors ratified the local emergency for the COVID-19 incident; and

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the California State Proclamation of Emergency dated March 4, 2020 waived the 60-day time period in Government Code section 8630 that otherwise required the Board to review the need for the continued existence of the Proclamation of Local Emergency at least every 60 days. Section 8 further allowed any local emergency proclaimed to remain in effect until each local governing authority terminates its respective local emergency. This waiver will no longer be in effect upon termination of the California State Proclamation of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, on February 28, 2023 the Governor of the State of California has announced an end to the California State Proclamation of Emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 conditions continue to improve across the State of California and in County of Santa Barbara as cases and rate of community transmission have steadily declined; and

WHEREAS, the emergency powers necessary to respond to COVID-19, such as utilization of Disaster Service Workers, expedited contracting, and marshalling of supplies and services are no longer necessary to address COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, should COVID-19 conditions change such that cases and rate of community transmission increase, and hospitalizations rise to a level that there is a significant danger to the health and safety of the community and the ability to provide adequate healthcare rising to the conditions of extreme peril a new Local Emergency will need to be proclaimed.

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NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HERBY PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that the conditions of extreme peril warranting the proclamation of the Local Emergency caused by COVID-19 no longer exist; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that the Proclamation of Local Emergency dated March 12, 2020 caused by COVID-19 is terminated by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara.


PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 28th day of February, 2023 by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Williams, Capps, Hartmann, Nelson and Lavagnino

NOES: None


ABSTAIN: None

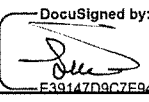
ABSENT: None


DAS WILLIAMS, CHAIR
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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