

# Attachment A

**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  
THE THOMAS FIRE**

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

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**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 December 4, 2017, at 1825, a wildfire that has been named the Thomas Fire, began burning in Ventura County. Later that night, Santa Barbara County experienced widespread power outages, which impacted 83,000 customers. The main Southern California Edison transmission lines have been compromised by the fire. On December 7, 2017, mandatory evacuation orders and evacuation warnings were issued, as the Thomas Fire approached the southeast portion of the County. Extensive smoke and ash has created hazardous air quality that led to the closure of most South County schools on December 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. Evacuation centers have been opened for residents and for animals; and

**WHEREAS**, On December 5, 2017, Governor Brown declared a State of Emergency for the County of Ventura as a result of the Thomas Fire, and on December 7, 2017 added the County of Santa Barbara to the State of Emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, On December 8, 2017, at 0800 hours, the Thomas Fire had burned 132,000 acres in Ventura County with just 10% containment. It is actively burning within the Santa Ynez River watershed, which is the primary water source for the South County; and

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**WHEREAS**, On December 8, 2017, President Trump proclaimed a Presidential Declaration of Emergency for the Counties of Santa Barbara and Ventura for the Thomas Fire; and

**WHEREAS**, On December 8, 2017, when the Board of Supervisors was not in session, the County Executive Officer, as the Director of Emergency Services, proclaimed a local emergency in order to utilize all resources necessary to respond to the damage caused by this fire, and receive any needed funding through the California Disaster Assistance Act and any other funding both State and Federal funds that may be available. The proclamation is effective for a period of seven days unless ratified by the Board of Supervisors; and

**WHEREAS**, The Thomas Fire 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**, the Board of Supervisors finds these conditions of extreme peril warrant and necessitate the ratification of the Proclamation of Local Emergency caused by the Thomas Fire.

**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 Thomas Fire, 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2017 by the following vote:

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NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:


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MONA MIYASATO  
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APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
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