

**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
STORMS**

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 January 8, 2018, a series of storms (“STORMS”) began impacting Santa Barbara County, including areas that have been burned by the Thomas Fire. The Thomas Fire which began on December 4, 2017 is now the largest wildfire in California history. The Thomas Fire has burned 281,893 acres, and is now only 92% contained. The Thomas Fire has burned significant portions of critical watershed, and now poses serious risks of flooding and debris flow in major population centers. The STORMS also create serious threats of flooding and debris flows in the recent burn areas of the Whittier Fire, Alamo Fire, Sherpa Fire and Rey Fire; and

WHEREAS, Mandatory Evacuation Orders and Evacuation Warnings for over 25,000 residents living in flood and debris prone areas, were issued on January 7, 2018, to alert individuals of the need to evacuate areas by noon on January 8, 2018. Evacuation shelters for residents and animals have been opened. The Emergency Operations Center is fully activated.

WHEREAS, These STORMS have caused conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the County of Santa Barbara, which are or are 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, on January 8, 2018, the Director of Emergency Services of the County of Santa Barbara proclaimed the existence of a local emergency within Santa Barbara County as a result of the STORMS. The Board of Supervisors was not in session at that time. A copy of the “Proclamation of Local Emergency by Director of Emergency Services” is attached; 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 STORMS.

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 STORMS, 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 9th day of January, 2018 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

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 _____