

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

**IN THE MATTER OF RE-RATIFYING
PROCLAMATION OF THE EXISTENCE
OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY CAUSED BY
THE THOMAS FIRE CONDITIONS**

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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 wide- spread power outages, which impacted 83,000 customers. The main Southern California Edison transmission lines were 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 created hazardous air quality that led to the closure of most South County schools on December 7th and 8th. Many schools elected to remain closed and recessed early into their holiday break. The Thomas Fire crossed into Santa Barbara County on December 9, 2017. Evacuation centers were 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 the Governor added the County of Santa Barbara to the State of Emergency; and

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

WHEREAS, On December 8, 2017, the County Executive Officer, as the Director of Emergency Services, when the Board of Supervisors was not in session, proclaimed a local emergency due to the Thomas Fire. The local proclamation was ratified by the Board of Supervisors on December 12, 2017; and

WHEREAS, As of December 20, 2017, the Thomas Fire burned 272,000 acres (45,393 acres in Santa Barbara County), with only 60% containment. It has destroyed/damaged dozens of structures.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that the conditions warranting the Proclamation of Local Emergency Caused by the Thomas Fire continue to exist and the Proclamation of the Local Emergency Caused by Thomas Fire shall remain in place; 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:

DAS WILLIAMS, CHAIR
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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 _____