

**PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY
BY DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
(GENERAL)**

WHEREAS, Chapter 12, Sec. 12-5(a) of the Santa Barbara County Code, empowers the County of Santa Barbara, Director of Emergency Services, to proclaim a local emergency if the Board of Supervisors is not in session; and

WHEREAS, Section 8558 (c) of the Government Code defines a "Local Emergency" as: "the duly proclaimed existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the territorial limits of a county, city and county, or city, caused by such conditions as air pollution, fire, flood, storm, epidemic, riot, drought, sudden and severe energy shortage, plant or animal infestation or disease, the Governor's warning of an earthquake or volcanic prediction, or an earthquake, or other conditions, other than conditions resulting from a labor controversy, which conditions are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of that political subdivision and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat, and;

WHEREAS, On June 15, 2016, at approximately 1540 hours, a wildfire that has been named the **Sherpa Fire** started burning in the Refugio Canyon area on the Gaviota Coast, in Santa Barbara County. As of 2352 hours on June 16, 2016, the **Sherpa Fire** had consumed approximately 4,640 acres with 5% containment. Mandatory evacuations of people and livestock are in place. The **Sherpa Fire** has caused conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the County of Santa Barbara; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara is not in session.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that a local emergency now exists in the County of Santa Barbara; and

1. That all the recitals set forth above are true, correct, and valid; and
2. That the conditions of extreme peril are not the results of labor controversy; and
3. That this proclamation of local emergency, invokes in the County of Santa Barbara all of the powers and mechanisms set forth in the California Emergency Services Act (Government Code sections 8550 et seq.), Santa Barbara County Code, Chapter 12 and all other applicable laws, to be used by authorized personnel of the County of Santa Barbara; and

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4. That, pursuant to Santa Barbara County Code, Chapter 12, Sec. 12-5(b), the Director of Emergency Services is empowered to require emergency services of any county officer or employee and to requisition necessary personnel or material of any county department or agency; and
5. That a copy of this Proclamation of Local Emergency shall be posted on all outside public access doors of the County Administration Building, and County personnel shall endeavor to make copies of this Proclamation available to news media; and
6. That this Proclamation of Local Emergency shall be effective immediately and shall remain in effect for a period of seven (7) days, unless ratified by the Board of Supervisors, and extended, or unless sooner terminated.

Dated: June 17, 2016

Time: 10:10 am



County Executive Officer/
Director of Emergency Services
County of Santa Barbara