

**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 WITH
REGARDS TO PASSENGER VESSEL
*CONCEPTION***

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 the early morning of September 2, 2019, the Passenger Vessel *Conception*, became engulfed in flames, while the vessel had 39 passengers and crew aboard, and while the vessel was anchored near Santa Cruz Island, within the County of Santa Barbara; and

WHEREAS, That fire and the subsequent sinking of the *Conception* about 25 nautical miles away from the Santa Barbara County mainland created extremely challenging on-scene conditions and logistics requirements for multi-agency responses in the mission areas of: search and rescue, recovery, salvage operations, law enforcement, coroner operations, emergency operations center support and pollution prevention; and

WHEREAS, As of the signing of this Proclamation, there have been 33 confirmed deaths, the underwater search for one person is still ongoing, and the Santa Barbara County Sheriff-Coroner has requested specialized personnel and equipment from outside of the Santa Barbara County Operational Area to assist with the recovery and timely and compassionate identification of these people; and

WHEREAS, This incident creates conditions of disaster, which are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities of the combined forces of the Santa Barbara County Operational Area to combat; and

WHEREAS, These conditions warrant and necessitate that the County proclaim the existence of a local emergency in order to utilize all resources necessary to respond to and recover from the local emergency and receive any needed funding through the California Disaster Assistance Act and any other State and Federal funds that may be available or become available; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors finds these conditions of extreme peril warrant and necessitate the ratification of the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency with regards to the Passenger Vessel *Conception*.

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 Passenger Vessel *Conception* incident, 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 _____ day of September 10, 2019, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

**Chair, Board of Supervisors
County of Santa Barbara**

ATTEST:
MONA MIYASATO
CLERK OF THE BOARD

By _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
MICHAEL C. GHIZZONI
COUNTY COUNSEL

By _____

Deputy

KELLY HUBBARD
DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

By _____