

Attachment B

**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 LAKE FIRE**

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 July 5, 2024, at approximately 1530 hours, a wildfire that has been named the “Lake Fire” began burning in the Zaca Resort area in the Santa Ynez Valley in Santa Barbara County; and

WHEREAS, as of July 11, 2024, the Lake Fire has burned approximately 34,015 acres, is 16% contained, destroyed four buildings and damaged one additional structure, and continues to create a significant burn scar; and

WHEREAS, Evacuation Orders have been issued for approximately 423 residents and Evacuation Warnings have been issued for 1,182 residents; and

WHEREAS, the Lake Fire is threatening several communities including Santa Ynez and Los Olivos, as well as ranches, farms, homes, campgrounds, and State Routes 154 and 176; and

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara County Fire has requested assistance through the Federal Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) program; and

WHEREAS, the Lake Fire is actively burning towards Lake Cachuma, which is the primary water source for the southern portion of Santa Barbara County; and

WHEREAS, the Lake Fire is actively burning towards Sisquoc River, Cachuma Creek, and impacting various watersheds, which can impact several groundwater basins and drinking water sources; and

WHEREAS, extensive smoke and ash have created hazardous air quality conditions in the Santa Ynez Valley and surrounding areas; and

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WHEREAS, evacuation shelters have been established for residents and for animals; and

WHEREAS, Los Padres National Forest received Incident Management Team 13 (IMT-13), Cal-Fire Incident Management Team 5 (Cal-Fire 5) was activated, and the County of Santa Barbara Fire imbedded into the response as a Unified Commander, to coordinate mutual aid, resources and situational awareness within the field; and

WHEREAS, the Lake Fire is causing conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the County of Santa Barbara and 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, these conditions warranted and necessitated 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 assistance from the State and Federal governments that may be available or become available; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors does hereby find that these conditions of extreme peril warrant and necessitate the ratification of the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency and warrant a request to the Governor of California to proclaim a State of Emergency, covering the County of Santa Barbara; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 8630(c) requires the Board of Supervisors to review the need for the continued existence of a Proclamation of Local Emergency at least every 60 days and Government Code Section 8630(d) requires termination of a Proclamation of Local Emergency at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant.

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 Lake Fire is ratified by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors requests the Governor of California proclaim the County of Santa Barbara to be in a State of Emergency; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors will review the need for the continued existence of a Proclamation of Local Emergency at least every 60 days; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors shall proclaim the termination of the local emergency caused by the Lake Fire at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant.

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PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the
County of Santa Barbara, State of California this 16th day of July, 2024 by the following
vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

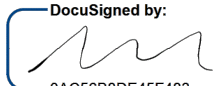
ABSENT:

STEVE LAVAGNINO, CHAIR
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

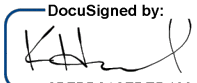
ATTEST:
MONA MIYASATO
CLERK OF THE BOARD

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
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COUNTY COUNSEL

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Deputy

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DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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