

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

**IN THE MATTER OF RATIFYING THE
PROCLAMATION OF THE EXISTENCE OF
A LOCAL EMERGENCY CAUSED BY THE
JANUARY 2023 STORM**

Resolution No. 23-5

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, conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property arose within this County on January 9, 2023 due to a series of storms that began January 4, 2023 (“January 2023 Storm”); and

WHEREAS, heavy rainstorms fell January 4 and 5, 2023, and began again countywide Wednesday, January 9, and are expected to continue Thursday, January 10, 2023, with the heaviest rainfall expected on the South Coast; and

WHEREAS, these rainstorms have resulted in heavy rain, flooding, high winds, and the potential for debris flows especially in existing fire burn scar areas; and

WHEREAS, the January 2023 Storm poses a serious risk of rock falls, flooding, and debris flows in the Thomas, Cave, and Alisal Fire burn areas, including in canyons that include residences, agricultural and ranching land, recreational facilities, roads, and critical infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, on January 3, 2023, the National Weather Service issued wind and coastal flood advisories, as well as a high wind warning advising of the potential for damaging winds that may potentially impact trees, other large objects, and power lines. On January 4 and 5, 2023, the National Weather Service issued a Flood Watch due to heavy rainstorms.

WHEREAS, on January 4, 2023, the Governor of the State of California proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist throughout California; and

WHEREAS, on January 9, 2023, at 11:00 AM a Shelter In Place was ordered for the Thomas, Cave, Alisal burn scar areas and protective actions were issued across Santa Barbara

County to protect life and property. The actions were issued as a result of immediate threats for flooding and debris flow and a Flash Flood Warning issued for a significant portion of the County; 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

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 January 2023 Storm 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 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 January 2023 Storm at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California this 10th day of January, 2023 by the following vote:

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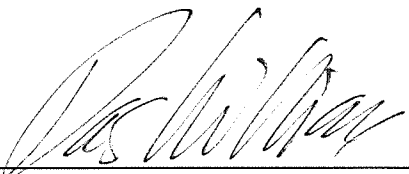
AYES: Supervisors Williams, Capps, Hartmann, Nelson and Lavagnino

NOES: None

Resolution Ratifying Local Emergency
Caused by the January 2023 Storm

ABSTAIN: None


ABSENT: None



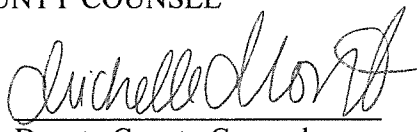
DAS WILLIAMS, CHAIR
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:
MONA MIYASATO
CLERK OF THE BOARD

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
RACHEL VAN MULLEM
COUNTY COUNSEL

By 

Deputy

By 

Deputy County Counsel

KELLY HUBBARD
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

By 