



**PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY  
BY DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES  
FOR THE CAVE FIRE  
and  
REQUEST TO GOVERNOR NEWSOM TO PROCLAIM  
A STATE OF EMERGENCY**

**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 November 25, 2019, at 1615 hours, a wildfire that has been named the Cave Fire began burning in the Santa Ynez Mountains east of the intersection of State Highway 154 and East Camino Cielo Road. As of 2100 hours the Cave Fire has burned approximately 3,000 acres with 0% containment. Mandatory evacuations orders have been issued for approximately 6,376 residents. The Cave Fire is advancing toward major population areas in the cities of Santa Barbara and Goleta, and unincorporated areas of the County; and

**WHEREAS**, The Cave Fire is threatening the Southern California Edison main transmission lines, which provide power to the southern portion of Santa Barbara County. Santa Barbara County has been experiencing periodic power outages. Extensive smoke and ash have created Hazardous air quality. Evacuation centers have been opened for citizens and for animals; and

**WHEREAS**, The Cave Fire is causing conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the County of Santa Barbara. 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

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**WHEREAS**, these conditions warrant and necessitate that the County proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency in order to utilize all resources necessary to respond to the damage caused by the local emergency and receive any needed funding through the California Disaster Assistance Act and any other funding both State and Federal funds that may be available; 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 for the entire Santa Barbara Operational Area and that;


1. All the recitals set forth above are true, correct, and valid; and
2. The conditions of extreme peril are not the results of labor controversy; and
3. This proclamation of local emergency, invokes in the County of Santa Barbara all 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
4. 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. Copies of this Proclamation shall be provided to news media; and
6. A copy of this proclamation shall be forwarded to the Director of the Governor's Office of Emergency Services requesting that the Director find it acceptable in accordance with the state law; that the Governor waive any regulations that may hinder recovery efforts and that recovery assistance be made available under the California Disaster Assistance Act or any other State and Federal funds that may be available; and

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7. 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.
8. Governor Newsom is requested to proclaim a State of Emergency as a result of the Cave Fire.

Dated: 11-25-19

Time: 10:30 pm

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