

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

IN THE MATTER OF RATIFYING ) RESOLUTION NO 19 - 306  
PROCLAMATION OF THE EXISTENCE )  
OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY CAUSED BY )  
CAVE FIRE, AND CONFIRMING )  
THE REQUEST FOR A STATE OF )  
EMERGENCY; )  
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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;

WHEREAS, conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property arose within this County, at approximately 1615 hours on November 25, 2019 due to a wildfire that has been named the Cave Fire;

WHEREAS, on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of November 2019, at 2230 hours, at which time the Board of Supervisors was not in session, the Director of Emergency Services of the County of Santa Barbara proclaimed the existence of a local emergency within the County of Santa Barbara for the entire Santa Barbara County Operational Area and requested the Governor of California to proclaim the County of Santa Barbara to be in a State of Emergency, within the meaning of Government Code Section 8558 , (a copy is attached of the “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, the Board of Supervisors does hereby find that these conditions of extreme peril did warrant and necessitate the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency and warranted the request to the Governor of California to proclaim a State of Emergency, covering the County of Santa Barbara.

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NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency as issued by the Director of Emergency Services of the County of Santa Barbara for the entire Operational Area of the County of Santa Barbara for the Cave Fire, is ratified by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the request to the Governor of California, by the Director of Emergency Services, to proclaim the County of Santa Barbara to be in a State of Emergency, is confirmed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that the need for continuing the local emergency shall be reviewed by the Board of Supervisors at least every 60 days until it is terminated.

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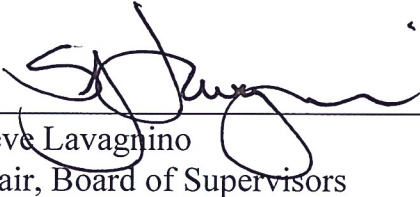
PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the  
County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 26th day of November, by the following  
vote:

AYES: Supervisors Williams, Hart, Hartmann, Adam and Lavagnino

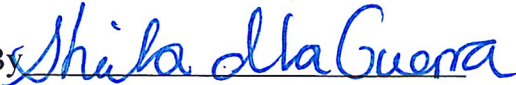
NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

  
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Steve Lavagnino  
Chair, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:  
MONA MIYASATO  
CLERK OF THE BOARD

By   
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Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
MICHAEL C. GHIZZONI  
COUNTY COUNSEL

By   
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Deputy County Counsel



**PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY  
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**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