

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PROCLAMATION OF EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY
(By Director of Emergency Services)

WHEREAS, California Government Code section 8630 and San Bernardino County Code section 21.0101 et seq. empower the Chief Executive Officer of San Bernardino County to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when San Bernardino County is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity and the Board of Supervisors is not in session; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Executive Officer of San Bernardino County does hereby find:

WHEREAS, on September 8, 2024, a vegetation fire, known as the “Bridge Fire,” began to rapidly spread within a county adjacent to San Bernardino County; and

WHEREAS, on September 10, 2024, the Bridge Fire had burned over 34,000 acres with 0% containment; and

WHEREAS, on September 10, 2024, the Bridge Fire had spread into portions of San Bernardino County, near the community of Wrightwood, posing an immediate threat to lives, structures, property, and the environment within San Bernardino County communities; and

WHEREAS, the Bridge Fire has rapidly spread, necessitating evacuation warnings and orders issued by the San Bernardino County Sheriff-Coroner-Public Administrator, and the Bridge Fire is an ongoing threat to San Bernardino County communities; and

WHEREAS, human sheltering is available to the evacuees at the San Bernardino County Fairgrounds, in the City of Victorville, California, and also at the Jessie Turner Health and Fitness Community Center, in the City of Fontana, California; and

WHEREAS, animal sheltering is available at the Devore Animal Shelter, 19777 Shelter Way, in the City of San Bernardino, California; and

WHEREAS, the rapid spread of the fire has necessitated immediate action to protect the safety and well-being of San Bernardino County residents and to mitigate further damage; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of San Bernardino County is not in session and cannot immediately be called into session;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that a local emergency exists within San Bernardino County; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that as of this date all San Bernardino County departments and agencies take those actions, measures, and steps deemed necessary to assure the safety and welfare of County residents and property, including requesting mutual aid to the extent such aid is necessary, and during the existence of said local emergency the powers and duties of the emergency organization of the County shall be those prescribed by State law, by charter, ordinances, and resolutions of this County, and by the current San Bernardino County Emergency Plan, as approved by the Board of Supervisors.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that this local emergency be ratified by the County Board of Supervisors in accordance with section 8630 of the California Government Code.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that said local emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is proclaimed by the Board of Supervisors or it is terminated by operation of law.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that a copy of this proclamation be forwarded to the Governor of California.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that the San Bernardino County Director of Emergency Services and the County Chief Executive Officer shall be entitled to sign and transmit an electronic signature of this Proclamation (whether by facsimile, PDF, or other mail transmission), which signature shall be binding on the party whose name is contained therein.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this proclamation be forwarded to the Director of the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services.

Dated: 9/10/2024

Time of Signing: 9:13 PM



Luther Snoke
Director of Emergency Services,
San Bernardino County, and
Chief Executive Officer,
San Bernardino County