

RESOLUTION NO. .

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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RESOLUTION RATIFYING AND EXTENDING PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY RESULTING FROM SEVERE WINTER STORMS OF MARCH 2023 BY THE SAN MATEO COUNTY DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that:

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 8630 and Chapter 2.46 of the San Mateo County Ordinance Code (“Ordinance Code”) authorize the County Executive, as Director of Emergency Services (“Director”) when this Board is not in session, to proclaim a local emergency when the County is threatened by conditions of disaster or extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the County that are, or are likely to be, beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities of the County and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat; and

WHEREAS, the Director’s proclamation of a local emergency remains in effect for no more than seven days, unless the proclamation is ratified by this Board within that seven-day period.

WHEREAS, on January 2, 2023, the Director proclaimed a local emergency in response to the winter storms that began on December 27, 2023, which proclamation was ratified and extended by the Board, currently remains in place, and may again be extended by a separate item being presented to the Board; and

WHEREAS, on January 4, 2023, Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency throughout California related the December 2022 storms; on January 14, 2023, President Biden issued a Major Disaster Declaration, which provided for individual assistance and public assistance in debris removal and emergency protective measures under the Stafford Act (42 U.S.C. § 5121) in numerous counties in California related to those storms; and, on January 26, 2023, San Mateo County was included as eligible for individual assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for damage related to those storms; and

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2023, Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in San Mateo County as a result of winter storms that struck California beginning in late February 2023; and

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2023, the Director issued a proclamation of local emergency in San Mateo County due to the damage and impacts resulting from the extreme and unprecedented levels of rainfall and associated severe weather events that began on March 8, 2023, and a copy of the Director's March 22, 2023 proclamation is attached as **Exhibit A** to this resolution and incorporated by this reference; and

WHEREAS, as set forth in Exhibit A, communities throughout both the incorporated and unincorporated areas of San Mateo County, still recovering from past storm events, have suffered from an array of additional impacts which have created conditions of disaster and extreme peril to the safety of persons and property, and these conditions are beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the County and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat; and

WHEREAS, this Board hereby finds that there continues to exist within the incorporated and unincorporated areas of San Mateo County conditions of disaster or extreme peril to the safety of persons and property that are beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the County, for the reasons set forth in Exhibit A.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the local emergency proclaimed by the Director on March 22, 2023 is hereby ratified and, under Government Code Section 8630, this Board shall review the need for continuing the local emergency at least once every 60 days until this Board terminates the local emergency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors delegates authority to the Director to terminate the local emergency, pursuant to Section 8630 of the Government Code, at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any orders previously issued by the Director under the authority set forth in the Government Code or in Chapter 2.46 of the San Mateo County Ordinance Code shall remain in place and in effect until duly rescinded or until the date that this local emergency is terminated, whichever first occurs.

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