

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN

March 7, 2023

**Ratification of Proclamation of Local Emergency for the Frigid Winter Storms**

As a result of the significant frigid winter storms, the County of Los Angeles (County) has been impacted by a blizzard, snowfall, high winds, substantial precipitation, closure and damage to highways and roads, evacuation warnings in areas impacted by burn scars, potential for significant debris flows, urban flooding, and localized power outages. Coordination, collaboration, and the combined forces of different jurisdictions are imperatively needed to effectively respond to and recover from these and likely forecasted winter storms.

Pursuant to Government Code sections 8558(c) and 8630 and Los Angeles County Code section 2.68.110, on March 1, 2023, the Chair of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (Chair) proclaimed the existence of a local emergency for the frigid winter storms (Proclamation of Local Emergency) in the County. The Proclamation of Local Emergency finds that "there exists conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property on the basis of the frigid winter storms in the County, which are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and

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facilities of the County, and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat."

The Proclamation of Local Emergency enables the County to more effectively respond to the frigid winter storms, accelerate the procurement of vital supplies, seek and utilize mutual aid, and potentially obtain reimbursement and assistance from the State and federal government.

Pursuant to Government Code section 8630(b) and Los Angeles County Code section 2.68.110, the Proclamation of Local Emergency shall not remain in effect for a period in excess of seven days unless it has been ratified by the Board of Supervisors (Board).

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Ratify the attached Proclamation of Local Emergency made on March 1, 2023, for the frigid winter storms, in the County of Los Angeles. The Proclamation of Local Emergency shall remain in effect until its termination is proclaimed by the Board.
- 2) Direct the Chief Executive-Office of Emergency Management to forward a copy of the Proclamation of Local Emergency to the Director of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Director) and request the Director to find it acceptable in accordance with State law, make available recovery assistance under the California Disaster Assistance Act, and expedite access to State and federal resources and any other appropriate federal disaster relief programs.
- 3) Direct County Departments to implement all assessment, assistance and monitoring efforts as applicable.

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**PROCLAMATION OF EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY FOR THE FRIGID WINTER STORMS BY  
THE CHAIR OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 2.68 of the Los Angeles County Code provides that the Chair of the Board of Supervisors (Chair) may proclaim the existence of a local emergency, pursuant to Government Code section 8558(c), when the Board of Supervisors (Board) is not in session; and

**WHEREAS**, a "local emergency," is defined in Government Code section 8558(c), in pertinent part, as follows: "[l]ocal emergency' means 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 . . . caused by conditions such as air pollution, fire, flood, storm, epidemic, riot, drought, cyberterrorism, sudden and severe energy shortage, deenergization event . . . plant or animal infestation or disease . . . or an earthquake, or other conditions . . . which 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**, as a result of the frigid winter storms, the County has been impacted by a blizzard, snowfall, high winds, substantial precipitation, closure and damage to highways and roads, evacuation warnings in areas impacted by burn scars, potential for significant debris flows, urban flooding, and localized power outages. Coordination, collaboration, and the combined forces of different jurisdictions are imperatively needed to effectively respond to and recover from these and likely forecasted winter storms; and

**WHEREAS**, as of February 23, 2023, there exists conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property on the basis of the frigid winter storms in the County, which 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 mobilization of local resources, and the ability to coordinate interagency response, accelerate procurement of vital supplies, and use mutual aid, will be critical to successfully responding to the emergency for the frigid winter storms; and

**WHEREAS**, these conditions warrant and necessitate that the County proclaim the existence of a local emergency for the frigid winter storms.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Chair finds that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons exist on the basis of the frigid winter storms in Los Angeles County within the meaning of Government Code section 8558(c), and such conditions are or will likely 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

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND PROCLAIMED** by the Chair that a local emergency exists for the frigid winter storms in the County, and that the local emergency shall not remain in effect for a period in excess of seven days unless it has been ratified by the Board; and

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND PROCLAIMED** that, during the existence of said local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of the County shall be those prescribed by State law, by ordinances, and resolutions of the County.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND PROCLAIMED** that, a copy of the Proclamation of Local Emergency be forwarded to the Director of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Director), and request the Director to find it acceptable in accordance with State law, make available recovery assistance under the California Disaster Assistance Act, and expedite access to State and federal resources and any other appropriate federal disaster relief programs.

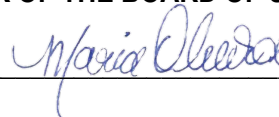
Date: March 1, 2023



  
JANICE HAHN

Chair, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: CELIA ZAVALA  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

By , Deputy