

Ratification of Proclamation of Local Emergency Based on Tropical Storm Hilary

As a result of Tropical Storm Hilary, which arrived in Los Angeles County (County) on August 20, 2023, the County has sustained high winds and wind gusts, intensive rain, potential debris flows and river and urban flooding, storm surge, adverse impacts to critical infrastructures and utilities, the potential for widespread power outages, pervasive property damage, falling debris, and downed trees.

On August 19, 2023, the Governor of the State of California proclaimed the existence of a state of emergency for much of Southern California, including the County of Los Angeles, based on Tropical Storm Hilary.

On August 20, 2023, pursuant to Government Code sections 8558(c) and 8630 and Los Angeles County Code section 2.68.110, the Chair of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (Board) proclaimed the existence of a local emergency based on Tropical Storm Hilary (Proclamation of Local Emergency) in the County. The Proclamation of Local Emergency finds that there exist conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property caused by Tropical Storm Hilary and its aftermath in the County, which are or are likely

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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.

The Proclamation of Local Emergency enables the County to more effectively respond to the impacts of Tropical Storm Hilary, 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.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1) Ratify the attached Proclamation of Local Emergency made on August 20, 2023, based on Tropical Storm Hilary in the County of Los Angeles, which proclamation shall remain in effect until its termination is proclaimed by the Board; and

2) Forward a copy of the Proclamation of Local Emergency to the Director of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services with the request that the Director find it acceptable in accordance with State law; that recovery assistance be made available under the California Disaster Assistance Act; and that the State expedite access to State and Federal resources and any other appropriate federal disaster relief programs; and

3) Direct County Departments to implement all assessment, assistance and monitoring efforts as applicable.

**PROCLAMATION OF EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY BASED ON TROPICAL STORM HILARY
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 of August 20, 2023, conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property exist on the basis of Tropical Storm Hilary, which arrived in Los Angeles County, bringing (among other impacts) sustained high winds and wind gusts, intensive precipitation, potential debris flows and river and urban flooding, storm surge, adverse impacts to critical infrastructures and utilities, widespread power outages, pervasive property damage, falling debris, and downed trees; and

WHEREAS, coordination, collaboration, and the combined forces of different jurisdictions are imperatively needed to effectively respond to these conditions; 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 Tropical Storm Hilary and its aftermath; and


WHEREAS, these conditions warrant and necessitate that the County proclaim the existence of a local emergency based on Tropical Storm Hilary and its aftermath.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Chair finds that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property exist on the basis of the arrival, presence, and impacts of Tropical Storm Hilary 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 in the County based on Tropical Storm Hilary and its aftermath, and that the local emergency shall not remain in effect for a period in excess of seven days unless it is 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.

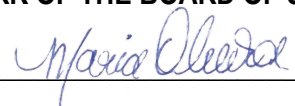
Date: August 20, 2023



JANICE HAHN
Chair, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors



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

By  _____, Deputy