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February 25, 2025

**Ratification of Proclamation of Local Emergency for the Winter Storm**

As a result of the winter storm, the County has been impacted by high winds, substantial precipitation, closure and damage to highways and roads, evacuation warnings and orders in areas impacted by burn scars, debris flows, and significant river and urban flooding, land movement incidents, widespread power outages, and other significant damage.

On February 19, 2025, the Chair of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (Chair), proclaimed the existence of a local emergency for the winter storm (Proclamation of Local Emergency) in the County of Los Angeles (County).

The Proclamation of Local Emergency enables the County to more effectively respond to the winter storm, 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).

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

- 1) Ratify the attached Proclamation of Local Emergency made on February 19, 2025, for the winter storm, 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; request that the Governor of the State of California (Governor), pursuant to the Emergency Service Act, issue a proclamation declaring an emergency in Los Angeles County; 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 WINTER STORM 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 an atmospheric river system, the County has been impacted by high winds, substantial precipitation, closure and damage to highways and roads, evacuation order and warnings in areas impacted by burn scars, significant debris flows, river and urban flooding, land movement incidents, and widespread power outages. Coordination, collaboration, and the combined forces of different jurisdictions are imperatively needed to effectively respond to and recover from this winter storm; and

**WHEREAS**, as of February 12, 2025, there exists conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property on the basis of the winter storm 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 winter storm; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Chair finds that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons exist on the basis of the winter storm 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 winter storm 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 this proclamation be forwarded to the Director of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Director) requesting that the Director find it acceptable in accordance with State law; that the Governor of the State of California (Governor), pursuant to the Emergency Service Act, issue a proclamation declaring an emergency in Los Angeles County; that the Governor waive regulations that may hinder response and recovery efforts; 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.

Date: February 19, 2025

  
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