

COUNTY OF ORANGE  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY  
and  
REQUEST FOR GOVERNOR TO DECLARE A STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, in accordance with Government Code Section 8630, a local emergency may be proclaimed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Orange or by an official so designated by ordinance adopted by the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, Section 3-1-6(a) of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Orange provides that the Director of Emergency Services shall request the Board of Supervisors to proclaim a local emergency when the Board of Supervisors is in session and the Chair of the Emergency Management Council to so proclaim when the Board of Supervisors is not in session; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors is not currently in session, and the Director of Emergency Services has requested that the Chair of the Emergency Management Council proclaim a local emergency; and

WHEREAS, the County of Orange is experiencing unusually high Red Flag winds resulting in planned and unplanned power outages;

WHEREAS, on October 26, 2020 multiple uncontained wildfires erupted and are currently burning in the County of Orange, which together with existing high fire hazard conditions and current and projected conditions of high Red Flag winds and hot and dry weather, create an increased risk of erosion, flooding and debris flows and other hazards resulting from the destruction of vegetation and infrastructure which will require related debris management and removal and collectively constitute conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the territorial limits of the County of Orange

which conditions are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities of the County of Orange, and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat; and

WHEREAS, on October 26, 2020 mandatory and voluntary evacuations were issued for portions of Irvine, Lake Forest and other surrounding areas in response to the Silverado Fire; and

WHEREAS, on October 26, 2020 mandatory and voluntary evacuations were issued for portions of Yorba Linda, Brea and other surrounding areas in response to the Blue Ridge Fire; and

WHEREAS, total evacuations exceed 90,000 evacuees; therefore


IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that a local emergency exists within the geographic area of the County of Orange due to multiple uncontained fires together with existing and projected high fire hazard conditions; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that as of this date all County departments and agencies take those actions, measures and steps deemed necessary to assure the safety and welfare of Orange County residents and property, including requesting mutual aid to the extent such aid is necessary.

ACCORDINGLY, THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
ACTING AS THE CHAIR OF THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL  
HEREBY REQUESTS that the Governor declare a State of Emergency and make all relevant funds available to the County of Orange and all eligible community members and businesses, including but not limited to **California Disaster Assistance Act funds** and State Private Nonprofit Organizations Assistance Program funds, and that the

Governor request that the President of the United States make a Presidential Declaration of Emergency in and for the County of Orange and make all relevant funds available to the County of Orange and all eligible community members and businesses, including, but not limited to, aid provided by the Small Business Administration.

Date: 10/27/20

Signed:   
Michelle Steel  
Chairwoman of the Board of Supervisors Acting as  
the Chair of the Emergency Management Council  
County of Orange

Time Signed: 11:30 ampm