

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY
BY THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

WHEREAS, Ordinance 533.7 of the County of Riverside empowers the Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence of a "Local Emergency" when the Board of Supervisors is not in session; and,

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services finds:

That at the time of this proclamation the Board of Supervisors is not in session; and,

WHEREAS, conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within the County of Riverside caused by the Fairview Fire incident, which is impacting numerous communities across Southwestern Riverside County; and;

WHEREAS, the Fairview Fire has destroyed or damaged residential structures causing loss of life and displacement of residents; and,

WHEREAS, evacuation orders have been issued for part of the City of Hemet and contiguous unincorporated areas of the County impacting more than 12,000 residents; and,

WHEREAS, there exists an imminent threat to life, property, critical infrastructure and the environment; and,

WHEREAS, Federal, State and local government resources have been called upon to assist in fire suppression and structure protection efforts; and,

WHEREAS, the Riverside County Fire Department has secured approval of a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) to support response efforts; and,

WHEREAS, that the potential of the aforementioned conditions of extreme peril warrant and necessitate the proclamation of a "Local Emergency".

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that a "Local Emergency" exists throughout the County of Riverside; and,

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said "Local Emergency", the powers, functions and duties of the Director of Emergency Services and the Emergency Management Organization of this County shall be those prescribed by State law and the charter, ordinances, resolutions and approved plans of the County of Riverside in order to mitigate the effects of said "Local Emergency"; and,

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that said "Local Emergency" shall be deemed to continue to exist for the next seven (7) days, and thereafter by ratification of the Board of Supervisors, until its termination is proclaimed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside; and,

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that a copy of this proclamation be forwarded to the Governor of California with the request that he proclaim the existence of a State of Emergency throughout the impacted areas of Riverside County and provide or request all eligible State and Federal financial assistance to the County and impacted local jurisdictions.

Dated: September 7, 2022



Director of Emergency Services
County of Riverside