

**PROCLAMATION OF THE MENDOCINO COUNTY DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
PROCLAIMING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY RELATED TO THE
OCTOBER 2019 WIND EVENTS**

WHEREAS beginning on October 23, 2019, a significant wind event struck California, resulting in nearly statewide red flag warnings due to extremely dangerous fire weather conditions; and

WHEREAS, on or about October 23, 2019, electric service to portions of Mendocino County was shut off as part of a "Public Safety Power Shutoff" ("PSPS") due to extremely dangerous fire weather conditions; and

WHEREAS, on or about October 26, 2019, and October 29, 2019, electric service to wide swaths of the County was shut off as part of broader PSPS events encompassing the majority of counties in California, causing a sudden and severe energy shortage in Mendocino County; and

WHEREAS, residents of Mendocino County rely on electricity for the provision of heat, preservation of food, and provision of water, medically vulnerable residents of Mendocino County rely on electricity for life saving and life sustaining equipment, Mendocino County businesses rely on electricity to provide essential goods and services, and public facilities and critical infrastructure in Mendocino County rely on electricity for various essential functions; and

WHEREAS, restoration of electric service after the October 26, 2019, and October 29, 2019, PSPS events did not commence until October 30, 2019 and took significantly longer in other portions of the County, and;

WHEREAS, during the extremely dangerous fire weather conditions from October 23, 2019 through October 30, 2019, Mendocino County experienced multiple fires, and

WHEREAS, on October 27, 2019, Governor Gavin Newsom declared a state of emergency for the State of California based on the historic wind event, extreme fire danger, de-energization, and "cascading impacts . . . which will likely extend beyond the conclusion of the weather event . . ."; and

WHEREAS, the County of Mendocino continues to experience the effects of the foregoing; and

WHEREAS, the Mendocino County Chief Executive Officer/Director of Emergency Services now proclaims that a local emergency exists throughout Mendocino County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendocino County Chief Executive Officer/Director of Emergency Services and further proclaims that:

1. Conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within Mendocino County due to the extreme winds, fire conditions, de-energization of power lines, and related conditions originating on October 23, 2019.
2. As a consequence of said conditions and pursuant to Government Code section 8630 and Mendocino County Code section 7.04.050, a local emergency now exists throughout

Mendocino County concerning the October 2019 Wind Event.

3. During this local emergency the powers, functions and duties of the Mendocino County Chief Executive Officer and the emergency organization of Mendocino County shall be those prescribed by State law, and the ordinances, resolutions and approved emergency services plans of the County of Mendocino.
4. This proclamation shall be submitted to the Director of the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services requesting a Director's Concurrence as well as making California Disaster Assistance and all applicable state funding and resources available to the County

WHEREUPON, the Director of Emergency Services declared said Proclamation adopted and SO ORDERED.

Date

10.30.19

Carmel J. Angelo, Director
Office of Emergency Services
Mendocino County