RESOLUTION NO. 20-119

RESOLUTION OF THE MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RATIFYING THE LOCAL EMERGENCY RELATED TO SEPTEMBER 2020 FIRES AS PROCLAIMED BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER/DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND RATIFYING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY AS PROCLAIMED BY THE HEALTH OFFICER

WHEREAS, the August Complex Fire, which includes 37 fires, emerged on August 17, 2020, burned over 755,000 acres, destroyed multiple structures, resulted in mandatory evacuations and is currently at 0% containment in the western sector; and

WHEREAS, the Oak Fire emerged on September 7, 2020, burned over 1000 acres, destroyed multiple structures, resulted in mandatory evacuations and is currently at 25% containment; and

WHEREAS, wind patterns and atmospheric conditions have blanked virtually all of Mendocino County with smoke and ash resulting in hazardous air quality, which, combined with high temperatures, makes it hazardous to human health to work or recreate outdoors; and

WHEREAS, California Health and Safety Code section 101080 provides authority for the Health Officer to issue a declaration of local health emergency, and Government Code section 8630 and Mendocino County Code section 7.04.050 provides authority for the Director of Emergency Services to issue a proclamation of local emergency if the Board of Supervisors is not in session; and

WHEREAS, on September 10, 2020 the Mendocino County Chief Executive Officer/Director of Emergency Services proclaimed that a local emergency exists throughout Mendocino County as of September 7, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on September 10, 2020 the Mendocino County Health Officer issues a Declaration of Local Health Emergency as of September 7, 2020, and

WHEREAS, both the declaration by the Health Officer and the proclamation by the Director of Emergency Services must be ratified by the Board of Supervisors within seven (7) days.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors hereby:

- 1. Ratifies the Proclamation of the Director of Emergency Services Proclaiming the Existence of a Local Emergency.
- 2. Provides that 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.

3. Authorizes that Carmel J. Angelo, having the titles of the Chief Executive Officer and Director of Emergency Services, is hereby designated as the authorized representative of public and individual assistance of the County of Mendocino for the purpose of receipt, processing, and coordination of all inquiries and requirements necessary to obtain available State and Federal Assistance.

The foregoing Resolution introduced by Supervisor McCowen, seconded by Supervisor Williams, and carried this 11th day of September 2020, by the following vote:

AYES:

Supervisors Brown, McCowen, Haschak, Gjerde and Williams

NOES:

None

ABSENT:

None

WHEREUPON, the Chair declared said Resolution adopted and SO ORDERED.

ATTEST:

CARMEL J. ANGELO

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Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM: CHRISTIAN M. CURTIS

County Counsel

JOHN HASCHAK, Chair

Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

I hereby certify that according to the provisions of Government Code Section 25103, delivery of this document has been made.

BY:

CARMEL J. ANGELO Clerk of the Board

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