

RESOLUTION NO. 21-016

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

WHEREAS, the August Complex Fire emerged on August 17, 2020, burned over 938,000 acres, and destroyed multiple structures;

WHEREAS, the Oak Fire emerged on September 7, 2020, burned over 1,100 acres, and destroyed multiple structures;

WHEREAS, on September 25, 2020 through Executive Order N-81-20, the Governor Gavin Newsom declared a state of emergency in Del Norte, Los Angeles, and Mendocino Counties due to the wildfires;

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;

WHEREAS, on September 10, 2020, the Chief Executive Officer/Director of Emergency Services proclaimed a local emergency as of September 7, 2020 due to the September 2020 fires;

WHEREAS, on September 10, 2020, the local health officer of the County of Mendocino County issued a declaration of local health emergency as of September 7, 2020 due to the hazardous air quality generated by the September 2020 fires;

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2020 the Board of Supervisors for the County of Mendocino ratified and reaffirmed the declaration of local emergency and local health emergency by the Chief Executive Officer/Director of Emergency Services and the local health officer by the September 2020 fires;

WHEREAS, Mendocino County continues to experience the effects of the September 2020 fires;

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 8630(c) provides that the Board of Supervisors shall review the need for continuing the local emergency at least once every 30 days until the governing body terminates the local emergency;

WHEREAS, Mendocino County Code Section 7.04.090 provides that the Board of Supervisors shall review the need for continuing the local emergency, but that in no event shall review take place more than sixty (60) days after the previous review;

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

1. Proclaims that a local emergency continues to exist throughout Mendocino County due to September 2020 fires.
2. Finds that a local health emergency continues to exist and therefore, reaffirms the proclamation of local health emergency.
3. 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.
4. Authorizes that Carmel J. Angelo, having the titles of 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 Williams, seconded by Supervisor McGourty and carried this 23rd day of February, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors McGourty, Mulheren, Haschak, Gjerde, and Williams
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

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

ATTEST: CARMEL J. ANGELO
Clerk of the Board

DAN GJERDE, Chair
Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

Deputy

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
CHRISTIAN M. CURTIS
County Counsel

BY: CARMEL J. ANGELO
Clerk of the Board

Deputy