RESOLUTION NO. 21-153

RESOLUTION OF THE MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RATIFYING THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES' PROCLAMATION OF 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, electric service to wide swaths of the County was shut off as part of a broader PSPS event 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 PSPS event 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, on October 30, 2019, the Mendocino County Chief Executive Officer/Director of Emergency Services proclaimed that a local emergency exists throughout Mendocino County; and

WHEREAS, the County of Mendocino continues to experience the effects of the foregoing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors ratifies the proclamation of the 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. 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 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 Haschak, and carried this 26th day of October, 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

Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
CHRISTIAN M. CURTIS, Acting County Counsel

DAN GJERDE, 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

Deputy