

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Certified copy of portion of proceedings, Meeting of January 6, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. 26-2

**RESOLUTION OF THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CONFIRMING THE  
EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance No. 2447 of the County of Humboldt empowers the Director of Emergency Services, or the Director's authorized representative, to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a Local Emergency when said county is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity and the Board of Supervisors is not in session; subject to ratification by the Board of Supervisors within seven days; and

**WHEREAS**, conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within this county, caused by a 5-alarm structure fire involving multiple commercial buildings at 10<sup>th</sup> and H Street, Arcata, CA resulting in water runoff associated with fire suppression efforts creating environmental impacts and potential impacts to water quality and environmental health, beginning on January 2, 2026; at which time the Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt was not in session; and

**WHEREAS**, said Board of Supervisors does hereby find that the aforesaid conditions of extreme peril did warrant and necessitate the proclamation of the existence of a Local Emergency; and

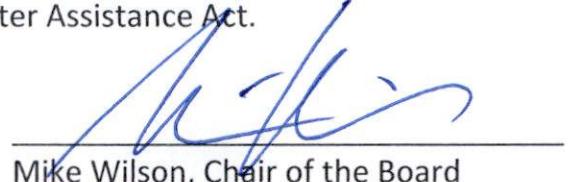
**WHEREAS**, the Director of Emergency Services of the County of Humboldt did proclaim the existence of a Local Emergency within the county on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2026;

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED** that said Local Emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist throughout said county as prescribed by state law, by (charter) ordinances, and resolutions of this county, and by the County of Humboldt Emergency Operations Plan, as approved by the Board of Supervisors on 7 April 2015, until its termination is proclaimed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt, State of California.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the State Director of the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services with a request that she find it acceptable in accordance with State law and forward this resolution to the Governor of the State of California for consideration and action on Humboldt County's requests that 1) The Governor proclaim a State of Emergency in Humboldt County. 2) The Governor suspend statutes, regulations, rules and orders that may hinder response

and recovery efforts. 3) The Governor order that recovery assistance be made available to Humboldt County under the California Disaster Assistance Act.

Dated: January 6, 2026

  
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Mike Wilson, Chair of the Board  
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

Adopted on motion by Supervisor Bushnell, Seconded by Supervisor Arroyo, and the following vote:

AYES: Arroyo, Bohn, Bushnell, Madrone, and Wilson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)

County of Humboldt)

I, TRACY DAMICO, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Humboldt, State of California, do hereby certify the foregoing to be an original made in the above-entitled matter by said Board of Supervisors at a meeting held in Eureka, California.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Board of Supervisors. TRACY DAMICO Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt, State of California.

  
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Kaleigh Maffei  
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors