



AGENDA ITEM NO.  
**C-5**

# COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: September 5, 2017

Date: September 1, 2017

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Supervisor Virginia Bass

Subject: Approve Resolution Proclaiming the Existence of a Local Health Emergency Caused by Air Quality Impacts Due to Smoke from Wildfires that Began on July 25, 2017.

RECOMMENDATION(S): That the Board of Supervisors authorize the Resolution related to the existence of a local health emergency caused by air quality impacts due to smoke from wildfires.

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION: Ordinance # 2447 of the County of Humboldt empowers the Public Health Officer to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local health emergency in the county.

As conditions of significant risk to the health and safety of persons have arisen within the county, caused by air quality impacts due to smoke from multiple wildfires that began on July 25, 2017, Dr. Baird, Public Health Officer for the County of Humboldt proclaimed the existence of a local health emergency on August 31, 2017, per the attached Resolution.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution

Prepared by Kathy Hayes Signature Virginia Bass

REVIEW: Auditor \_\_\_\_\_ County Counsel \_\_\_\_\_ Personnel \_\_\_\_\_ Risk Manager \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF ITEM:  
 Consent  
 Departmental  
 Public Hearing  
 Other

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:  
 Board Order No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Meeting of: \_\_\_\_\_

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**  
 Upon motion of Supervisor Sundberg Seconded by Supervisor Fennell  
 Ayes Sundberg, Fennell, Bass, Bohn, Wilson  
 Nays \_\_\_\_\_  
 Abstain \_\_\_\_\_  
 Absent \_\_\_\_\_

and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report.

1 Dated: Sep. 5, 2017  
 By: [Signature]  
 Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance No. 2447 of the County of Humboldt empowers the Public Health Officer to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a Local Health Emergency in the county or any area thereof, subject to ratification by the Board of Supervisors within seven days; and

**WHEREAS**, conditions of significant risk to the health and safety of persons have arisen within this county, caused by air quality impacts due to smoke from multiple wildfires that began July 25, 2017, with severe sustained smoke impacts commencing on or about August 21, 2017, as documented by the North Coast Unified Air Quality Management District [NCUAQMD]; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt is not in session (and cannot immediately be called into session);

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED** that a Local Health Emergency now exists throughout said county; and

**IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED** that during the existence of said Local Health Emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of this county shall be 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.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

31 Aug 2017

By: \_\_\_\_\_



Dr Donald Baird  
Public Health Officer  
County of Humboldt