

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 2447 of the County of Humboldt empowers the Director of the Office 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 are not in session; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services for the County of Humboldt, Sheriff William Honsal, does hereby find:

That an imminent threat to public safety and significant damages to public and private property exists within said county, caused by a wildfire that under command of the United States Forest Service, with assistance from CalFire. This fire is identified as the 'Hopkins Fire', in the August Complex, and has burnt 50,000 acres and such impacts and damages exceed available county resources; and

The Hopkins wildfire is actively spreading west of the Yolla Bolly – Middle Eel Wilderness area. Red Flag Warning fire conditions has caused this fire to spread rapidly west and north into Humboldt County. The fire has jumped containment lines and is endangering structures and ingress and egress points in the county. The areas East of the Eel River and South of Highway 36 to the East and Southern Humboldt County lines are in the active fire spread areas. Evacuation orders have been issued for the communities of Alderpoint, Blocksburg, Island Mountain, Harris, and Bell Springs, with evacuation warnings extending from Bell springs Road to Highway 101 at Garberville and Benbow.

The fire has caused and will cause significant damage to natural resources, homes, structures, roadways, infrastructure, powerlines, damage to public facilities, and livestock, and

That 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 Emergency now exists throughout the County of Humboldt; and

The County of Humboldt requests all available response and recovery assistance from the State of California and its agencies, including the California Public Utilities Commission, and the United States government and its agencies, as deemed appropriate by the Governor of California, including funding under the California Disaster Assistance Act and federal Stafford Act; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said Local Emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of this county shall be those 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 April 7, 2015, until its termination is proclaimed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt, State of California.

Dated:

9/9/2020

By:



Sheriff William F. Honsal III