

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 2447 of the County of Humboldt empowers the Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the 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 of the County of Humboldt 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 strong and violent 6.4M earthquake commencing on December 20, 2022 at 0234 hours and 50+ aftershocks, and such damages exceed available county resources; and

The earthquake has caused significant damages throughout Humboldt County, including but not limited to, damaged homes, damaged bridges, cracked roadways, landslides, downed trees, downed power lines, damage and loss of commercial structures, loss of telephone services, damage to community water storage, damaged water lines, damaged gas lines, and also two deaths, as well as 11+ injuries necessitating multiple state and local agencies to respond to provide for public safety, emergency medical response, collapsed buildings, damaged roadways, damage assessment, vehicle access, mass care and sheltering, debris/roadway clearing and the provision of emergency services; and

The extent of damages has exceeded the available resources of local jurisdictions and necessitates the need for an emergency declaration made by the City of Eureka and the City of Rio Dell; 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 said county, 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 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: 20 December 2022

By:


William F. HONSAL, STAFF LIFE