

## **RESOLUTION DECLARING 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 is not in session; and

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

That an imminent threat to public safety and public and private property exists within said county, caused by excessive shoaling near the entrance to Humboldt Bay following a severe weather event, commencing on or about the 12 day of February, 2019, and such impact and damages exceed available county resources; and

That the excessive shoaling has created unsafe conditions for all vessels entering and exiting the Humboldt Bay federal channel, including fuel barge. The shoaling prompted depth restrictions and the US Coast Guard to close the harbor due to severe winter storm activity. Fishing vessels are entering this port without local knowledge, increasing the hazard around the channel. Safety of these and other vessels is the primary concern, as well as the loss of business and fuel; and

That the winter storm caused other damages in Humboldt County, including but not limited to flooding, failed culverts, power outages, downed power lines, damages to public facilities on the coast and throughout Humboldt County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt is not in session and cannot immediately be called in to session; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HERBY 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 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: 2/19/19

By:   
Sheriff William F. Honsall III