

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 strong winter storm that brought heavy rain and wind, referred to as an atmospheric river, to an already saturated area of the North Coast of California, commencing on or about February 23, 2019 and such impacts and damages exceed available county resources; and

The heavy rain has resulted in the flooding of the Eel River, Van Duzen, and Mad River. The impacts have closed State Highways 211 and 36, reduced Highway 101 to one lane at various locations, dozens of county roads around the lower Eel River Valley and Mad River Valley are impassible and closed, flooded adjacent farmlands, cattle ranches, low lying areas of the city of Rio Dell near Eel River have been evacuated and approximately 100 residents displaced, and homes along the Eel and Mad River delta's have been threatened; and

This winter storm has also caused other damages throughout Humboldt County, including but not limited to mudslides, failed culverts, public roadway washouts, downed trees, downed powerlines, damages to public facilities, sewage treatment plants, government infrastructure; 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

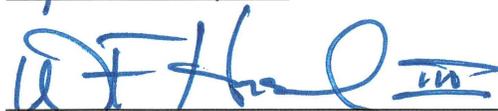
The County of Humboldt requests all available response and recovery assistance from the State of California and its agencies, including the California Public Utilities Commission, and the United States government and its agencies, as deemed appropriate by the Governor of California, including funding 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:

2/27/2019

By:



Sheriff William F. Honsal III