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 public property exists within said county, caused by culvert failure on Briceland Thorn Road, Mile Marker 11.20 in the John B. Dewitt Redwoods CA State Natural Reserve Park. This failure could cause an immediate road closure. The subsequent road closure would divert thousands of residents that this road services daily. The detour would cause public safety personnel a 40-minute delay and would have to navigate a one lane gravel road through the steep hill country outside of Garberville and Redway. This road failure would cause an immediate life safety issue, for the residents in this area.

The County is currently working with the CA State Parks to fix the damaged culvert before the catastrophic failure. The State of CA is financially responsible for this emergency road repair in the State Park. However, the emergency declaration is necessary to prepare an immediate detour route before the imminent failure. In preparation of this failure, Humboldt County Public Works is establishing a plan to detour traffic around the failure point. The identified detour route that the County is exploring on Old Briceland Road, will require extensive maintenance and repair as well as employing flagging personnel and pilot vehicles. The initial estimate for the cost for detour is estimated at over \$400,000. The declaration paves the way for the county to immediately start this necessary repair work.

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

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:

By:

Sheriff William F. Honsal III