

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**  
**RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING A LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO DROUGHT  
CONDITIONS IN THE COUNTY OF LAKE AND REQUESTING IMMEDIATE STATE  
AND FEDERAL ASSISTANCE**

**WHEREAS**, the Lake County Sheriff in his capacity as the Director of Emergency Services for the County of Lake, proclaimed a local emergency on May 6, 2021 due to drought conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of California is in the second consecutive year of extremely dry conditions due to historically low rainfall totals; and

**WHEREAS**, to date in Lake County, rainfall totals for the current water year are 33% of their average, and currently below the rainfall total for the same time period as our previous declared drought emergency in 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, water levels on Clear Lake are at near historic lows for this time of year rendering multiple boat ramps unsafe for use prior to the beginning of summer; and

**WHEREAS**, multiple watercraft have already run aground in areas of the lake which are normally accessible during non-drought conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 20, 2021 the adjacent County of Mendocino declared a local emergency due to drought conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 27, 2021 the adjacent County of Sonoma proclaimed a local emergency due to drought conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 5, 2021, in accordance with 7 CFR 759.5(a), the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture designated 50 California counties, including Lake County, as primary natural disaster areas due to drought; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lake County agriculture industry relies on water sources for frost protection, watering of crops, and watering of livestock, and is placed in great jeopardy due to the current drought conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, many private residences rely on wells to provide drinking water for their households; and

**WHEREAS**, the adverse environmental, economic, health, welfare and social impacts of the drought pose an imminent threat of disaster and threaten to cause widespread potential harm to people, businesses, agriculture, property, communities, the environment, historical and archaeological significant sites, wildlife, and recreation in the County of Lake.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED** pursuant to Chapter 6, Section 5.1 of the Lake County Code that the Lake County Board of Supervisors ratifies the Sheriff's proclamation and proclaims that a local emergency exists throughout the County of Lake due to drought conditions; and

**IT IS ORDERED** that during the existence of this local emergency, the powers, functions and duties of the Director of Emergency Services and the emergency organization of the County shall be those prescribed by state law, and by ordinance and resolutions of this County, approved by the Board of Supervisors, and by the Lake Operational Area Emergency Operations Plan, as approved by the Board of Supervisor.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that during the existence of this local emergency, upon concurrence of the Water Resources Director, either the Director of Emergency Services or the Director of Public Services may cause public, County maintained boat launches on the shores of Clear Lake to be closed for use when lake levels render them unsafe, and for the ramps to remain closed to public use until such time as deemed safe by the Water Resources Director, Public Services Director, or Board of Supervisors.

**IT IS REQUESTED** that the Governor of the State of California streamline regulations that may hinder response and recovery efforts, make available California Disaster Assistance Act funding for this State of Emergency, and seek all available forms of Federal disaster assistance and relief programs, to include a Presidential Declaration of Emergency; and

**IT IS REQUESTED** that all residents of Lake County take steps to conserve water by practicing water conservation efforts, including, but not limited to repairing leaking plumbing, limiting non-essential watering, limiting car washing, filling bathtubs halfway or less, using high-efficiency appliances, reducing shower times, only washing full loads of laundry, turning off water when brushing teeth or shaving, planting drought resistant landscaping, and implementing other practices that reduce water consumption; and

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that said local emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is proclaimed by the Board of Supervisors and that, at intervals of no more than thirty (30) days, a report on the most recent conditions of emergency shall be presented

to the Board of Supervisors for a determination of whether emergency conditions continue to exist.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that a copy of this Proclamation be forwarded to the Director of the Governor's Office of Emergency Services.

**THIS PROCLAMATION** was passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Lake at a regular meeting thereof held on May 11, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING:

COUNTY OF LAKE

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Bruno Sabatier, Chairperson  
Lake County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:  
CAROL HUCHINGSON  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
ANITA L. GRANT  
County Counsel

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

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