

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**  
**PROCLAMATION DECLARING A SHELTER CRISIS IN THE COUNTY OF LAKE**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Lake finds as follows:

**WHEREAS**, California Governor Gavin Newsom and the members of the California Legislature have recognized the urgent and immediate need for funding at the local level to combat homelessness; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor and Legislature have provided ongoing funding to local governments under the Homeless Emergency Aid Program, as codified at Health and Safety Code 50210 et seq., most recently in the 2023 Budget Act; and

**WHEREAS**, Government Code Sec. 8698.2 authorizes local governments to declare a shelter crisis to more rapidly develop and deploy facilities and services designed to protect the health and safety of unhoused individuals and families; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lake County Continuum of Care (“CoC”) has developed a strategic plan to align programs and resources to facilitate solutions to end homelessness, with the Lake County Behavioral Health Department serving as lead administrative entity and collaborative applicant for CoC; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Lake finds that the health and safety of a significant number of unsheltered persons, such number being regularly monitored and reported by CoC and other state and federal agencies, is threatened by a lack of shelter in the unincorporated county and in the cities of Clearlake and Lakeport, and further finds that the health and safety of the general public may be threatened where significant numbers of homeless individuals or encampments are present.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Lake does hereby declare a shelter crisis in Lake County in order to assist in opening up shelters within the unincorporated areas of Lake County to provide respite to those experiencing homelessness.**

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023

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CHAIR, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: SUSAN PARKER  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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LLOYD GUINTIVANO  
County Counsel

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