

WHEREAS, Section 6-5 of the Lake County Code empowers the Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when Lake County is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity and the County Board of Supervisors is not in session, and;

WHEREAS, the Sheriff, as Director of Emergency Services of Lake County does hereby find that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within the County of Lake, caused by the repeated, extended and continuing Public Safety Power Shut-Offs. These events have affected all of Lake County, resulting in the loss of primary and critical public services, including water, sewer, communications and public safety services; and have curtailed the ability of schools to remain in session, and;

WHEREAS, the County is currently under threat from the Kincade Fire to the south which started on October 23rd, 2019 and has spread from Sonoma County into Lake County, and;

WHEREAS, the County is currently under threat from the Burris Fire to the West in Mendocino County, and;

WHEREAS, the County has suffered from, and currently suffers from, repeated, extended and continuing Public Safety Power Shut-Offs which have affected the ability of Cities, Tribes and businesses to provide services to their citizens and customers, and;

WHEREAS, the County was subject to a Public Safety Power Shutoff on October 9th, 2019, and;

WHEREAS, the County was subject to a Public Safety Power Shutoff on October 23rd, 2019, and;

WHEREAS, the County was subject to a Public Safety Power Shutoff on October 26th, 2019, and;

WHEREAS, the County is currently subject to a Public Safety Power Shutoff effective on today's date, after 93% of customers in Lake County have not had their power restored from the October 26th Public Safety Power Shutoff, and;

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services hereby finds:

That the compounding effects of the simultaneously occurring fires and Public Safety Power Shutoffs have exacerbated the negative effects to our County to include, forcing residents to leave their homes, causing spoilage of food, imposing immeasurable financial impacts to local businesses, the inability of residents to heat their homes as nighttime temperatures drop into the 30's which can be especially harmful to children and elderly populations, and leaving people who rely on life-saving medical equipment without power, and;

That, these conditions are beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of Lake County, and;

THAT the County Board of Supervisors of the County of Lake is not in session and cannot immediately be called into session;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that a local emergency now exists throughout Lake County, 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 Lake County shall be those prescribed by state law, by ordinances, and resolutions of the County; and that this emergency proclamation shall expire 7 days after issuance unless confirmed and ratified by the Lake County Board of Supervisors, and;

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that said local emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is proclaimed by the Lake County Board of Supervisors.

By:  Date: October 29, 2019

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