

**Before the Board of Supervisors in and for the  
County of Monterey, State of California**

**Resolution No. 20 - \_\_\_\_\_**

Ratification of Proclamation of the Existence     )  
of a Local Emergency as of August 17, 2020     )

**RECITALS:**

WHEREAS, the California Emergency Services Act (Government Code section 8630, et seq.) establishes procedures for proclaiming local emergencies and for responding promptly to the needs that arise during emergencies; and,

WHEREAS, Section 2.68.060 of the Monterey County Code and Section 8630 of the Government Code empower the County Administrative Officer or designee, or the Board of Supervisors, if the Board of Supervisors is in session, to proclaim the existence of a local emergency when the County is affected by or likely to be affected by a public calamity; and,

WHEREAS, the wildfire known as the River Fire began August 16, 2020, has destroyed structures and threatened numerous residences and hundreds of acres of valuable wildland and watershed resulting in evacuations and displacement of residents; road closures; areas of isolation; damage to property and utility systems; and damage to critical infrastructure and endangered species; and,

WHEREAS, the wildfire is still burning out of control, with minimal containment reported as of this date; the wildfire has charred in excess of 4000 acres, damaged or destroyed multiple homes and structures, is threatening at least 1500 residences, an unknown number of accessory buildings, and damaged power, phone and other critical infrastructure in the fire area; and there is imminent threat to values at risk for additional damage and/or destruction; and,

WHEREAS, efforts to bring this wildfire under control, and to assist the affected population and restore the burned area and/or recover from the effects of the wildfire damage, involve assets from Monterey County government, other local governments in Monterey County, and other local governments within California, as well as California State and federal fire and law enforcement assets, the American Red Cross and other volunteer organizations; and,

WHEREAS, based on the above described circumstances, on August 17, 2020, the CAO proclaimed the existence of a local emergency because the Board of Supervisors was not in session on that date; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the Government Code, it is now necessary for the Board of Supervisors to ratify the CAO's proclamation of emergency; and,

WHEREAS, the foregoing conditions are, or are likely to be, beyond the control of services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the County of Monterey and require the combined forces of other political subdivision to combat; and,

WHEREAS, the aforesaid conditions of extreme peril warrant and necessitate the ratification of the CAO's proclamation of local emergency, and immediate action is necessary to mitigate public calamity; and

WHEREAS, the Monterey County Emergency Operations Center is fully activated for the Covid-19 Pandemic, and is including the River Fire as part of the emergency operations; and

WHEREAS, such emergency work must be closely monitored, reinforced and maintained to prevent or mitigate damage to critical infrastructure, erosion and/or mud and debris flows and renewal of conditions of extreme peril to the safety of person and property; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors in and for the County of Monterey as follows:

1. The above described recitals are true and correct.
2. The proclamation of local emergency issued by the CAO is hereby ratified, and shall be deemed to continue to exist subject to review and termination by the Board of Supervisors pursuant to Section 8630 or the Government Code.
3. 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, including but not limited to Section 8634 of the Government Code, County ordinances and resolutions, and the current Monterey County Emergency Operations Plan.
4. The CAO is authorized and directed to request that the Governor of the State of California also proclaim the existence of a State emergency, making available to the County of Monterey all the grants and assistance available from the State or other sources to lessen the financial impact to the County of Monterey.
5. County staff are authorized and directed to take such other and further actions as may be necessary or appropriate to implement the intent and purposes of this resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 18th day of August 2020, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

I, Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book\_\_\_ for the meeting on \_\_\_\_\_.

Dated:

Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Monterey, State of California

By \_\_\_\_\_  
, Deputy