## PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY AND A REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA BY THE MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors do hereby find as follows;

That conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property arose within Monterey County caused by a Wildfire in the Big Sur community known as the Pfeiffer Fire, commencing on or about 12:10 a.m., December 16, 2013, is still continuing to burn out of control; and

WHEREAS, That this wildfire to date, Tuesday, December 17, 2013, while the Board of Supervisors is in a regularly scheduled session, has destroyed numerous residences, hundreds of acres of valuable forest and watershed, resulting in evacuations and displacement of residents, road closures, areas of isolation, damage to property and utility systems, damage to critical infrastructure and endangered species; and

WHEREAS, As the Wildfire is still burning out of control, with no containment date reported as of this date, there is imminent threat to values at risk for damage and/or destruction to include an additional 200 residential properties, 20 commercial properties including the Pfeiffer Ridge Community, power lines, cell towers, additional watershed, steelhead and red legged frogs, condors, cultural resources, Andrew Molera State Park, State Highway 1, and a fish hatchery; and

WHEREAS, Efforts to bring this Wildfire under control, and to assist the population affected, and to restore the burned area and/or recover from the affects of the Wildfire damage, involve assets from Monterey County government, other local governments within Monterey County, other local governments within California, California State fire, law enforcement and park assets, federal fire and law assets, the American Red Cross and other volunteer organizations, with more assets being requested to assist;

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

That the aforesaid conditions of extreme peril warrant and necessitate the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency and immediate action is necessary to mitigate the effects of the local emergency; and

That this emergency does not permit a delay resulting from a competitive solicitation to let contracts for bids, and immediate action is necessary to respond to the emergency; and

WHEREAS, That the resources and efforts necessary to recover from this Wildfire is expected to overwhelm the financial assets of the County of Monterey.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS PROCLAIMED**, as defined in Government Section 8558c and Public Contract Code Section 1102 that a local emergency now exists throughout said County; and

That during the existence of said local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the County Administrative Officer and the Emergency Organization of this County shall be those prescribed by State law and the ordinances, resolutions, and approved plans of the County of Monterey in order to mitigate the effects of said local emergency; and

During the existence of said local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the County Administrative Officer and the Public Works Director shall be those prescribed in State and local law in order to mitigate the effects of the local emergency, and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND REQUESTED that a copy of this proclamation be forwarded to the Governor of California with the request that he proclaim the County of Monterey to be in a State of Emergency; and further that the Governor request a Presidential Declaration.

And, that a copy of this proclamation be forwarded to the State Director of Emergency Services; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that Lew C. Bauman, or his designee, is hereby designated as the authorized representative for public and individual assistance of the County of Monterey for the purpose of receipt, processing, and coordination of all inquiries and requirements necessary to obtain available state and federal assistance.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2013, by the following vote:

County of Monterey Proclamation of a Local Emergency Page 2 Pursuant to Public Contract Code Sections 20134, 22050, and 20395, the Public Works Director or his designee is hereby authorized to engage independent contractors to complete all necessary work to mitigate the effects of said local emergency. Contracts for this work may be executed without prior Board approval of the plans, specifications, and working details, without giving notice for bids to let contracts.

SIGNED AND SUBSCRIBED at Salinas, California this 17th day of December, 2013.

Lew C. Bauman County Administrative Officer