

**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 21, 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, on August 17, 2020, the County Administrative Officer proclaimed the existence of a local emergency because of the River Fire; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors ratified the CAO's proclamation on August 18, 2020, and further declared a local emergency because of the wildfire known as the Carmel Fire that began on August 18, and that has also 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 known as the Dolan Fire began on August 19, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, on August 21, 2020, the CAO proclaimed the existence of a local emergency due to the Dolan Fire, and, as of that date, the fire had grown to almost 7,000 acres; and,

WHEREAS, the Dolan Fire is still burning out of control, with minimal containment reported as of this date, 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, 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, the aforesaid conditions of extreme peril warrant and necessitate the ratification of the CAO's proclamation of the existence of a 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 has included the River and Carmel Fires as part of the emergency operations; and,

WHEREAS, emergency work to address the Dolan Fire 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; and,

WHEREAS, the cost of response, mitigation, and recovery efforts has imposed extraordinary expenses on the County and local governments, and 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; 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 for the Dolan Fire issued on August 21, 2020, 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 25th 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