

# Before the Board of Supervisors County of Placer, State of California

**In the matter of: A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE  
PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO  
THE RIVER FIRE SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACTING  
COMMUNITIES IN PLACER COUNTY**

Resolution No.: 2021-280

The following Resolution was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held August 10, 2021, by the following vote:

Ayes: GORE, HOLMES, JONES, GUSTAFSON, WEYGANDT

Noes: NONE

Absent: NONE

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

  
Chair, Board of Supervisors

Attest:

  
Clerk of said Board

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**WHEREAS**, Chapter 2 of the Placer County Code empowers the Director of Emergency Services to proclaim a local emergency when the county is affected or threatened by an event causing great damage, possible loss of life, or other public calamity and the Board of Supervisors is not in session; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 5, 2021, the Director of Emergency Services proclaimed a local emergency due to the River Fire threatening communities in Placer County; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 2.88.060 of the Placer County Code requires the Board of Supervisors to ratify the emergency proclamation within seven (7) days or the proclamation will no longer be in force; and

**WHEREAS**, thousands of Placer County residents continue to be threatened by the rapid growth of the River Fire, resulting in a substantial risk to the safety of these residents and/or the loss of their homes and belongings, thereby necessitating mass mandatory and voluntary evacuations of those individuals living in and around the fire zone; and

**WHEREAS**, the River Fire posed and continues to pose an immediate threat to numerous private homes and other structures in the rural communities of Placer County, including power lines and water infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Placer has activated the Emergency Operations Center, and these conditions are, or are likely to be, beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the County of Placer; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of California has secured a Fire Management Grant (FMAG) from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to help ensure the availability of vital resources to suppress the River Fire; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 5, 2021, the Governor of California proclaimed a state of emergency in Placer County due to the River Fire.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Placer County Board of Supervisors hereby ratifies the proclamation of a local emergency due to the significant, ongoing and possible undiscovered impacts due to the River Fire in Placer County.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Placer County Board of Supervisors shall review the need for continuing the local emergency at least every month and shall terminate the emergency as soon as local conditions warrant.

**BE IT PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED** that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Director of the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services requesting that the Director find it acceptable in accordance with State law; that the Governor of California pursuant to the Emergency Services Act, issue a proclamation declaring an emergency in Placer County; that the Governor waive regulations that may hinder response and recovery efforts; that response and recovery assistance be made available under the California Disaster Assistance Act; and that the State expedite access to State and Federal resources and any other appropriate federal disaster relief programs.

The foregoing Resolution was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors for the County of Placer, State of California at the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors on August 10, 2021 by the vote listed above.