

PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 2447 of the County of Humboldt empowers the Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence of a Local Emergency when said county is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity and the Board of Supervisors are not in session, and

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services of the County of Humboldt does hereby find:

That an imminent threat to public safety and significant damages to public and private property exists within said county, caused by consecutive major winter storm events commencing on January 3, 2023, which have resulted in downed trees, disrupted utility services, damaged and flooded roadways, mudslides, and damaged homes, such damages exceeding available county resources; and

That conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property will continue within the County based on forecasted severe atmospheric river storms over the next five days bringing an additional four to twelve inches of rain, along with high winds, and significant risk of downed trees, debris flows, power outages, and road blockages. The situation is of such severity and magnitude that effective response is beyond the capabilities of the affected local governments; and

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

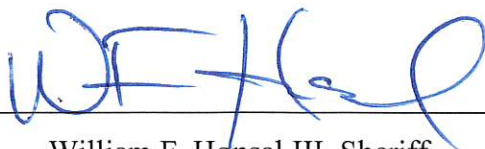
NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that a Local Emergency now exists throughout said county, and

The County of Humboldt requests all available response and recovery assistance from the State of California and its agencies, including the California Public Utilities Commission, and the United States government and its agencies, as deemed appropriate by the Governor of California, including funding under the California Disaster Assistance Act and federal Stafford Act; 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 this county shall be those prescribed by state law, by ordinances, and resolutions of this county, and by the County of Humboldt Emergency Operations Plan, as approved by the Board of Supervisors on 7 April 2015, until its termination is proclaimed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt, State of California.

Dated: 12 January 2023

By: _____



William F. Honsal III, Sheriff