



RESOLUTION No. _____

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING A LOCAL EMERGENCY IN NEVADA COUNTY DUE TO THE WIND COMPLEX FIRES AND RELATED EVACUATIONS IN THE AFFECTED COMMUNITIES AND REQUESTING THAT THE GOVERNOR CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN A STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

WHEREAS, the California Emergency Services Act, commencing with California Government Code Section 8550, provides state assistance and resources to local jurisdictions in the event of a local emergency; and

WHEREAS, conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within said County, commencing on or about October 9, 2017 due to the Wind Complex Fires, which threaten the life and safety of the people and property who reside in the affected communities; and

WHEREAS, the threat of wildfires have caused portions of Nevada County and neighboring counties and cities, including Yuba and Butte Counties to call for mandatory and voluntary evacuations of people who reside in the affected communities, including but not limited to Lake Wildwood, Smartsville and Browns Valley; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of California issued an emergency declaration for the County of Nevada on October 9, 2017, to assist with the County's response to the Wind Complex Fires and support the local evacuations; and

WHEREAS, on October 9, 2017 at approximately 4 p.m., Nevada County commenced emergency services and opened its emergency shelters to provide food, shelter, emergency supplies, social services, medical attention, and transportation for evacuees and their animals, and to provide supplies and other services as needed to address the complex and rapidly changing circumstances to individuals displaced by the emergency evacuations; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid conditions of extreme peril warrant and necessitate the Proclamation of the Existence of a Local Emergency; and

WHEREAS, these conditions are or are likely to be beyond the control, capacity, and resources of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of Nevada County and local resources are unable to cope with the effects of said emergency; and

WHEREAS, the County desires that the Governor of the State of California continue to maintain a State of Emergency for the County of Nevada, provide assistance through the California Disaster Assistance Act and expedite access to all available federal resources, aid and relief programs; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors finds an "emergency situation" within the meaning of California Government Code Section 54956.5 to exist; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada, State of California hereby proclaims that a local emergency now exists throughout Nevada County commencing on or about October 9, 2017 due to the Wind Complex Fires and related evacuations within the County of Nevada and neighboring counties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada, State of California hereby directs that:

1. The Proclamation of Existence of a Local Emergency shall be renewed and deemed to continue to exist as provided by state law or until its termination is proclaimed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada.
2. The Director of Emergency Services for the County of Nevada, is hereby designated as the authorized representative of the County of Nevada for the purpose of receipt, processing, and coordination of all inquiries and requirements necessary to obtain available State and Federal assistance.
3. The Director of Emergency Services or his designee immediately forward a copy of this resolution to the Director of the California Office of Emergency Services.
4. During the existence of said local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the Director of Emergency Services, or his designee, and the emergency organization of the County shall be those prescribed by state law, local ordinance and resolutions of this county approved by the Board of Supervisors, and by the Nevada County Operational Area Emergency Operations Plan, as approved by the Board of Supervisors.
5. The Director of Emergency Services or his designee immediately forward a certified copy of this resolution proclaiming a local emergency to the Governor of California with requests that the Governor continue to maintain a State of Emergency for the County of Nevada, that the State of California waive regulations that may hinder response and recovery efforts and make available recovery assistance under the California Disaster Assistance Act, and that the State expedite access to federal resources and any other appropriate federal relief programs.