



# **RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_**

## **OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA**

### **RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING A LOCAL EMERGENCY IN NEVADA COUNTY DUE TO THE EFFECTS OF THE 2022-2023 WINTER STORMS**

WHEREAS, Government Code section 8630 authorizes the proclamation of a local emergency by an official designated by ordinance adopted by the local governing body; and

WHEREAS, Government Code section 8558 states that a local emergency means the duly proclaimed existence of conditions of disaster or extreme peril to the safety of persons and property caused by conditions including storms; and

WHEREAS, whenever a local emergency is declared by a local official designated by ordinance, said local emergency shall not remain in effect for more than seven (7) days unless it has been ratified by the governing body; and

WHEREAS, on December 29, 2022, winter storms related to an atmospheric river system struck Nevada County, bringing damaging winds, substantial precipitation including significant snowfall at higher elevations, and flooding, and this system continues to impact the County; and

WHEREAS, the threat of mud and debris flows, particularly across county roads and bridges, causes a threat to residents; and

WHEREAS, the county road system has sustained major damages due to the amount of water passed over the road surfaces as well as culvert failures; and

WHEREAS, significant snowfall, rainfall, and high winds have resulted in debris flows, downed trees and power lines causing significant damage to critical infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, that the conditions caused by winter storms in Nevada County, by reason of their magnitude, create extreme peril to the safety of persons and property, will impact significant County and community operations, including critical public infrastructure and services, and will require the provision of additional public safety and emergency services beyond the immediate capabilities of local resources, services, personnel, equipment, and facilities; and

WHEREAS, that the aforementioned conditions of extreme peril warrant and necessitate the proclamation of a local Emergency to enable the County of Nevada and other local government entities to adequately plan, prepare, and preposition resources in order to effectively respond to the threat posed by these winter storms; and

WHEREAS, on January 9, 2023, the Nevada County Director of Emergency Services proclaimed a local emergency due to the 2022-2023 winter storms; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors finds that a declaration of the local emergency will assist in a coordinated public safety response to the winter storm emergency in order to protect the lives and property of citizens of the County and constitutes an emergency situation as set forth in California Government Code sections 8558 and 8630.

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 due to the 2022-2023 Winter Storms that began on December 29, 2022, and its ongoing effects and continuing weather conditions in Nevada County and ratifies the Proclamation issued on January 9, 2023, by the Nevada County Director of Emergency Services

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, or their designee, 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 their designee, is to immediately forward a certified copy of this Resolution ratifying the proclamation of a local emergency to the Governor of California.
4. During the existence of said local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the Director of Emergency Services, or their designee, and the emergency organization of the County shall be those prescribed by state law, local ordinances, and resolutions of this county as approved by the Board of Supervisors.