

LOCAL EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION FOR THE COUNTY OF NEVADA DUE TO PUBLIC SAFETY POWER SHUTOFF

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, 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, Section A-III 2.6 of the County of Nevada Administrative Code authorizes the Director of Emergency Services of the County of Nevada ("County") to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency whenever the County is affected or likely to be affected by a local emergency and the Nevada County Board of Supervisors is not in session; and

WHEREAS, due to extreme weather conditions resulting in unprecedented wind events and recurrent high fire danger, on or about October 9, 2019, PG&E began implementing a series of Public Safety Power Shutoffs ("PSPS"), including the current PSPS initiated on October 29, 2019, affecting multiple counties in the Northern California, including most of Western Nevada County and portions of the greater Truckee area; and,

WHEREAS, the series of Public Safety Power Shutoffs have left thousands of customers throughout Western Nevada County without power and critical infrastructure for multiple days, including County households, small businesses, public facilities, medical care facilities, and schools, and given the size of the PSPS it may take several days to fully restore power to Nevada County; and,

WHEREAS, the loss of power for an extended period of time places residents at risk, especially those who are medically vulnerable and/or elderly and therefore constitutes a public health and safety emergency; and,

WHEREAS, due to the series of PSPS events resulting in extended loss of power, many small businesses and their employees have and will continue to experience significant economic losses, leaving them in need of additional support; and

WHEREAS, cities within the County desire a local emergency proclamation in order to support their residents and local businesses impacted by the PSPS; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code section 8558 such a sudden and severe energy shortage requires extraordinary measures beyond the authority vested in the California Public Utilities Commission; 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

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada is not in session and cannot immediately be called into session.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED by the Director of Emergency Services for the County of Nevada that as of October 29, 2019, a local emergency now exists throughout Nevada County related to the PG&E Public Safety Power Shutoff and resulting loss of power to Nevada County residents, small businesses, and critical infrastructure which constitute a public health and safety emergency; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the Office of Emergency Services of Nevada County shall be those prescribed by state law, and by ordinances, resolutions and memorandums of understanding of Nevada County; and that this emergency proclamation shall expire 7 days after issuance unless this emergency proclamation is confirmed and ratified by the Nevada County Board of Supervisors.

Dated: October 29, 2019

By:



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