



# RESOLUTION No. 21-541

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

### RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING A LOCAL EMERGENCY IN NEVADA COUNTY DUE TO THE EFFECTS OF THE DECEMBER SNOW-STORM

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 27, 2021, in the early morning, Nevada County was hit with an intense winter snow-storm (Snow-storm) bringing excessive amounts of snow to areas that typically receive little to no snow; and

WHEREAS, the Snow-storm caused over 30,000 Nevada County residents to lose PG&E utility power service with PG&E saying it could take many days for restoration; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the Snow-storm hundreds of trees have been reported down across county roads, with many trees having attached utility power lines to them; and

WHEREAS, there have been numerous calls for service from local residents who have had trees land on their homes, are running out of heating gas, do not have electricity, or do not have firewood to heat their homes, resulting in the need for the County to open additional warming shelters; and

WHEREAS, on December 27, 2021, at approximately 8:00 am, Nevada County commenced emergency services opening its emergency operations center to respond to the community-wide emergency service needs; and

WHEREAS, the conditions created by the Snow-storm are likely to be beyond the control, capacity, and resources of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of Nevada County; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid conditions of extreme peril created by the Snow-storm constitute a local emergency and warranted and necessitated the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency; and

WHEREAS, on December 27, 2021, the Nevada County Director of Emergency Services proclaimed a local emergency due to the Snow-storm on December 27, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors finds that a declaration of a local emergency will assist in a coordinated public safety response to the Snow-storm emergency in order to protect lives and property of the 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 December Snow-storm that began on December 27, 2021, and its ongoing effects and continuing weather conditions in Nevada County and ratifies the Proclamation issued on December 27, 2021, 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.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada at a special meeting of said Board, held on the 30th day of December, 2021, by the following vote of said Board:

Ayes: Supervisors Edward Scofield, Dan Miller, Susan K. Hoek and Hardy Bullock.

Noes: None.

Absent: Supervisor Heidi Hall.

Abstain: None.

ATTEST:

JULIE PATTERSON HUNTER  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: 

  
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Dan Miller, Chair

12/30/2021 cc: IGS  
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