



RESOLUTION No. _____

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING A LOCAL EMERGENCY IN NEVADA COUNTY DUE TO THE LATE FEBRUARY 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, on February 24, 2023, in the early morning continuing through February 28, Nevada County was hit with an intense series of winter snowstorm systems (“Snowstorm”) bringing excessive amounts of snow to areas that typically receive little to no snow; and

WHEREAS, the Snowstorm caused over 20,000 Nevada County residents to lose PG&E utility power service with PG&E saying it could take multiple days for restoration; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the Snowstorm numerous 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 warming shelters; and

WHEREAS, on February 24, 2023, at approximately 12:00 pm, 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 Snowstorm 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 Snowstorm constitute a local emergency and warranted and necessitated the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors finds that a declaration of the local emergency will assist in a coordinated public safety response to the Snowstorm 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 Snowstorm, and its ongoing effects and continuing weather conditions in Nevada County, and ratifies the Proclamation issued on February 28, 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.