

**COUNTY OF VENTURA
PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY
(February 2024 Rainstorms)**

WHEREAS, conditions of disaster and extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the County of Ventura have arisen as a result of severe and sustained rainstorms that impacted Ventura County starting on February 4, 2024, that resulted in, among other things, the evacuation of several hundred residential structures, damaged several roadways, bridges and levees, and

WHEREAS, at the time of execution of this proclamation, the Ventura County Board of Supervisors (Board) was not in session, and said conditions described above constitute a local emergency as defined in Government Code section 8558, subdivision (c); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the powers granted by section 5323-1 of the Ventura County Ordinance Code, as amended, for occasions when the Board is not in session, the Sheriff of Ventura County, as Director of Emergency Services, is authorized to proclaim the existence of a local emergency on February 8, 2024, which proclamation is subject to ratification by the Board at its next meeting within seven days thereafter: and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff of Ventura County, as Director of Emergency Services, finds that conditions of disaster and extreme peril as described above exist within the Ventura County operational area and that these conditions warrant and necessitate that the County of Ventura proclaim the existence of a local emergency at a time when the Board is not in session;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED by the Sheriff of Ventura County, as Director of Emergency Services, that a local emergency exists in the County of Ventura and shall be deemed to continue to exist, when ratified by the Board, until its termination is proclaimed by the Board.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said local emergency, the powers, functions and duties of the Director of Emergency Services shall be those prescribed by state law and County ordinances, including but not limited to those set forth in sections 5323-1 and 5323-2 of the Ventura County Ordinance Code, as amended, resolutions and any approved plan of the County of Ventura in order to mitigate the effects of the local emergency.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this proclamation be forwarded to the Governor of California and the California Director of Emergency Services in support of any applicable state Declaration of Emergency with a request that this proclamation be forwarded to the President of the United States with a request for federal assistance under a major disaster declaration.

February 8, 2024

DATE



JIM FRYHOFF

SHERIFF

**DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
VENTURA COUNTY**