



**Resolution
of
The Board of Supervisors of Ventura County**

**PROCLAIMS
OCTOBER 19-26, 2019
CALIFORNIA FLOOD PREPAREDNESS WEEK
"BE AWARE. BE PREPARED. TAKE ACTION."**

WHEREAS, VENTURA COUNTY RECOGNIZES THE SIGNIFICANT PUBLIC SAFETY THREAT FLOODING POSES TO THE POPULATION, RESIDENTIAL, BUSINESS AND AGRICULTURAL PROPERTIES, CRITICAL COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURES, AND THE ECONOMY OF VENTURA COUNTY; AND

WHEREAS, VENTURA COUNTY HAS ENDURED MULTIPLE NUMBER OF FLOOD EVENTS INCLUDING THE HISTORIC FLOODS OF 1969, 1978, 1983, 1992 AND 2005, THAT RESULTED IN DISRUPTIONS IN NORMAL LIFE, DAMAGE TO ROADS, BRIDGES, LEVEES AND OTHER COMMUNITY SERVICES, AND LOSS OF AGRICULTURAL LAND DUE TO EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION; AND

WHEREAS, VENTURA COUNTY IS AT PARTICULAR RISK OF FLOODING FROM RIVERS AND CREEKS, COASTAL WAVE RUN-UP, SHALLOW LOW-LYING AREAS, AND HILLSIDE ALLUVIAL FANS; AND

WHEREAS, VENTURA COUNTY CONTINUES TO BE AT AN INCREASED RISK OF FLOODING AND MUDFLOWS AS RESULT OF THE RECENT THOMAS, WOOLSEY AND HILL FIRES; AND

WHEREAS, IN VENTURA COUNTY, APPROXIMATELY 825,000 PEOPLE, AND APPROXIMATELY \$10 BILLION IN BUILDINGS, INFRASTRUCTURE, AND OTHER ASSETS ARE EXPOSED TO FLOOD HAZARD RISKS; AND

WHEREAS, DURING CALIFORNIA FLOOD PREPAREDNESS WEEK, LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL AGENCIES ACROSS CALIFORNIA COLLABORATIVELY WORK TOGETHER TO INFORM THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH FLOODING, TO IMPROVE COMMUNITY RESILIENCY TO FLOOD DISASTERS THROUGH PREPAREDNESS, AND PLAN FOR RECOVERY; AND

WHEREAS, PART OF CALIFORNIA FLOOD PREPAREDNESS ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED BY VENTURA COUNTY INCLUDE "STORM DAY 2019" A COLLABORATIVE EVENT INVOLVING LOCAL AGENCIES THAT WORK TOGETHER WITH THE VENTURA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS AGENCY TO TEST RESPONSE AND READINESS TO POTENTIAL STORM SCENARIOS IN COORDINATION WITH THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES, ALL IN PREPARATION FOR SEVERE STORM, AND FIRE-RELATED FLOODING AND DEBRIS FLOW. STORM DAY 2019 WAS A ONE-DAY PUBLIC WORKS AGENCY READINESS EVENT HELD COUNTY WIDE ON OCTOBER 9TH; AND

WHEREAS, CALIFORNIA FLOOD PREPAREDNESS WEEK 2019 WILL BE HELD STATEWIDE DURING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 19-26, 2019 AND THE THEME FOR 2019 WILL BE "BE AWARE. BE PREPARED. TAKE ACTION."

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DOES HEREBY PROCLAIM THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 19-26, 2019 AS "CALIFORNIA FLOOD PREPAREDNESS WEEK," AND EXPRESSES SUPPORT FOR INCREASED PUBLIC AWARENESS OF FLOOD THREATS, AND ENCOURAGES ALL COUNTY RESIDENTS, BUSINESSES, AND SCHOOLS TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO KNOW THEIR FLOOD THREAT AND PREPARE APPROPRIATELY.

PRESENTED ON THIS 22ND DAY OF OCTOBER 2019


CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
STEVE BENNETT, SUPERVISOR 1ST DISTRICT


LINDA PARKS, SUPERVISOR 2ND DISTRICT


KELLY LONG, SUPERVISOR 3RD DISTRICT


ROBERT O. HUBER, SUPERVISOR 4TH DISTRICT


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