



# VENTURA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

- **BOB BROOKS**  
Sheriff
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December 8, 2009

Board of Supervisors  
County of Ventura  
800 S. Victoria Avenue  
Ventura, CA 93009

## Approval to Extend Local H1N1 Emergency Proclamation

### Recommendation:

1. That your Board adopt the attached Resolution (Exhibit 1) extending the Proclamation of the Local Emergency declared on October 20, 2009, by the Director of Disaster Services, Bob Brooks, Sheriff, in coordination with the Public Health Officer, Dr. Robert Levin, ratified by your Board on Tuesday, October 27, 2009, and extended on November 10 and 24, 2009.
2. Direct the Sheriff to return to the Board on December 15, 2009, to review the Local Emergency and to determine whether to extend or terminate the emergency.

### Fiscal Impact:

Should disaster assistance funding be made available from the State government, the County will be eligible to apply for reimbursement. No other fiscal impact to the County.

### Discussion:

On March 30, 2009, the Sheriff proclaimed a Local Emergency at the request of the County Public Health Officer, Dr. Robert Levin. This occurred after the H1N1 Swine Flu was detected and confirmed cases were becoming widespread in California and throughout the United States. This emergency proclamation enabled the County of Ventura to seek mutual aid and become eligible for any emergency response costs associated with the H1N1 Swine Influenza Virus (SIV). The Governor proclaimed a gubernatorial declaration for Ventura County, on April 28, 2009. This emergency proclamation was terminated on May 12, 2009.

On October 20, 2009, the County Public Health Officer, Dr. Robert Levin, requested that the Sheriff issue a local emergency proclamation to address the second occurrence of the H1N1 Swine Flu appearing throughout the County and the increasing demand for vaccinations at Ventura County Public Health Agency clinics. This proclamation also authorizes the issuance of orders and regulations to protect life and property (e.g. curfews and quarantine), and activates pre-established local emergency provisions such as special purchasing, hiring of personnel, and provides for other emergency procurement procedures. This emergency proclamation will also make the County eligible for reimbursement of emergency response costs associated with the H1N1 Swine Flu should funding become available.

The Ventura County Board of Supervisors ratified this emergency proclamation on Tuesday, October 27, 2009 and extended the proclamation on November 10, 2009. The Proclamation of Local Emergency must be ratified by your Board within seven days and reviewed every fourteen (14) days thereafter. It is expected that this proclamation will need to be extended through April 2010.

Barry Fisher, Director of the Ventura County Public Health Agency, has been designated by resolution as the County's authorized representative for the County of Ventura for the purpose of obtaining certain federal financial assistance under Public Law 93-288 as amended by the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act of 1998, and state financial assistance under the California Disaster Assistance Act.

The Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services, the County Public Health Officer, the County Executive Officer's Office, and County Counsel have reviewed the proposed recommendations.

If you have any questions regarding this you may contact Barry Fisher, Director of the Public Health Agency at (805) 981-5101 or Laura Hernandez, Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services, at 654-2552.



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