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Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura
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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, and ratified by your Board on Tuesday, October 27, 2009, and extended on November 10, 2009, November 24, 2009 and December 8, 2009.
2. Direct the Sheriff to return to the Board on December 29, 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 and or Federal 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. The Proclamation of Local Emergency must be ratified by your Board within seven days and reviewed every fourteen (14) days until January 12, 2010 after the revised Government Code section 8630 takes effect on January 1, 2010. The new Government Code section 8630, subdivision (c), will state, "The governing body shall review the need for continuing the local emergency at least once every 30 days until the governing body terminates the local emergency." It is expected that this proclamation will continue to be extended through April 2010.

To date, the Public Health Agency continues to coordinate the administration of the H1N1 vaccine, which has caused an increase in emergency response costs for contracting with home health to provide vaccine to homebound, disabled residents, conducting additional disease surveillance activity, and providing for expanded vaccination delivery services that have been instituted due the H1N1 spread. Other costs include personnel overtime, the hiring of additional personnel, and the acquisition of medical supplies. Registered volunteers are also being used as Disaster Service Workers to assist with communications and support medical operations at the clinics where the vaccine is being administered.

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 D. Hernandez, Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services, at 654-2552.



BOB BROOKS, Sheriff