

TRINITY COUNTY DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
DECLARATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Government Code section 8630, and section 2.56.300, et seq. of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Trinity empower the Director of Emergency Services to declare a state of emergency or local emergency when said County is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity, subject to ratification by the Board of Supervisors within seven days; and

WHEREAS, wildfire event known as the July 2021 Lightning Fires began on July 29, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the July 2021 Lightning Fires destroyed structures and threatened numerous residences and thousands of acres of valuable wildland and watershed resulting in evacuation and displacement of residents, road closures, areas of isolation, damage to property and utility systems, damage to critical infrastructure and endangerment of species, and on July 31, 2021, the Director of the Office of Emergency Services (OES) proclaimed the existence of a local emergency because of the July 2021 Lightning Fires. The Board of Supervisors ratified the Director of OES proclamation on August 3, 2021; and

WHEREAS, with the instability of the burn scar and the commencement of rain, including the rain that fell on October 19-21, 2021, there has been flash flooding and debris flow, which has destroyed roads and bridges, and threatens the health and safety of residents of Trinity County; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services of the County of Trinity does hereby find: (1) that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within Trinity County, including but not limited to, grazing lands, watersheds, timber resources, and public infrastructure caused by potential flash flooding and debris flow from the burn area of the

Lightning Fires; and (2) that ongoing response, assessments, and mutual aid have diverted local resources from day-to-day operations, and the continued threat of catastrophic flash flooding and debris flow places Trinity County at significant risk beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of Trinity County, and (3) that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Trinity is not in session and cannot immediately be called into session.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED, pursuant to state law and Trinity County Code, that the Director of Emergency Services does hereby declare as of October 22, 2021, a local emergency exists within the geographic area of Trinity County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that as of this date, all County departments and agencies take those actions, measures and steps deemed necessary to assure the safety and welfare of Trinity County residents and property, including requesting mutual aid to the extent such aid is necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organizations of the County of Trinity shall be vested in such persons as prescribed by federal and state law, by County ordinances and resolutions now in effect, and that this emergency resolution shall expire in seven (7) days after issuance unless confirmed and ratified by the Board of Supervisors of Trinity County.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that this Proclamation be forwarded to the Governor of the State of California with a request that he also proclaim the County of Trinity to be in a State of Emergency and that he makes available state and federal assistance to include California Disaster Assistance Act funding and relief programs to Trinity County, and further that the Governor immediately request and support a Presidential Declaration of Emergency for Trinity County.

ADOPTED by the Director of Emergency Services of the County of Trinity on the 22nd
day of October, 2021.


Elizabeth Hamilton, Director of Emergency
Services

Ratified this 28th day of October 2021, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Trinity by
motion, second (Groves/Cox) and the following vote:

AYES:	Supervisors Cox, Groves, Gogan, Frasier, and Brown
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
RECUSE:	None


JEREMY BROWN, CHAIRMAN
Board of Supervisors
County of Trinity
State of California

ATTEST:

RICHARD KUHNS, Psy.D,
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: 
Deputy