

**PROCLAMATION OF THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY BY THE DIRECTOR OF
EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO DUE TO THE SEVERE WINTER
STORMS IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2023**

WHEREAS, California Government Code §8850, the California Emergency Services Act, confers upon the governing body of the political subdivisions of this state emergency powers necessary to protect health and safety and preserve lives and property; and

WHEREAS, California Government Code §8630 states that “a local emergency may be proclaimed only by the governing body of a county, a city and county, or city or by an official so designated by ordinance adopted by such governing body”; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to El Dorado County ordinance code chapter 2.21, the Sheriff is the Director of the Office of Emergency Services and is authorized to proclaim a local emergency when said County is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity and the County Board of Supervisors is not in session, subject to ratification within seven days and reaffirmation every 60 days thereafter until such local emergency has concluded; and

WHEREAS, California Government Code §8850, the California Emergency Services Act, confers upon the governing bodies of the political subdivisions of this state emergency powers necessary to protect health and safety and preserve lives and property; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services of the County of El Dorado does hereby find that; conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within said county, caused by the February and March 2023 Storms which began on the 21st day of February, 2023 and; that these conditions are likely to be beyond the control of services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of said County, and; that the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors is not in session and cannot immediately be called into session; and

WHEREAS, thousands of El Dorado County residents are currently threatened by severe storms starting on the 21st day of February, 2023, throughout Northern California bringing substantial precipitation and snowfall in areas unaccustomed to snow; and

WHEREAS, the February and March 2023 Storms pose an immediate threat to numerous citizens, road facilities, structures, including roadways, and water and power infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the response to the February and March 2023 Storms is beyond the capabilities of the local resources; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a local emergency now exists throughout El Dorado County, and;

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of that emergency organization of El Dorado County shall be those prescribed by state law, by ordinances, and resolutions of this County; and that this emergency proclamation shall expire 7 days after issuance unless confirmed and ratified by the governing body of the County of El Dorado.

Dated: March 3, 2023



Sheriff Jeff Leikauf
Director of the Emergency Services