

PROCLAMATION OF THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY BY THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO DUE TO THE CROZIER FIRE

WHEREAS, California Government Code § 8550 et seq., 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, 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 Code of Ordinances 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, the Director of the Office of Emergency Services of the County of El Dorado does hereby find that: (1) conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within said county, caused by the Crozier Fire which began on the 7th day of August, 2024; (2) that these conditions are likely to be beyond the control of services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of said County; and (3) 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 the rapid growth of the Crozier Fire, resulting in substantial risk to the safety of these residents and/or loss of their homes and belongings, thereby necessitating mass mandatory and voluntary evacuations for those individuals living in and around the fire zone; and

WHEREAS, the Crozier Fire poses an immediate threat to numerous citizens, private homes and other structures, including roadways, power lines and water infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the response to the Crozier Fire is beyond the capabilities of the local resources; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a local emergency now exists throughout El Dorado County due to the Crozier Fire, and;

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

Dated: _____

8/7/24

Sheriff Jeff Leikauf
Director of the Emergency Services