CITY OF VACAVILLE
DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
LOCAL EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION
PROCLAIMING THE EXISTENCE OR THREATENED EXISTENCE OF A
LOCAL EMERGENCY
RESULTING FROM WILDFIRES
August 19, 2020

WHEREAS, Section 2.52.050 of the Vacaville Municipal Code designates the City Manager as the Director of Emergency Services ("Director"); and

WHEREAS, California Government Code sections 8550 et seq. including, but not limited to section 8558(c) and sections 8630 through 8634, and Chapter 2.52 of the Vacaville Municipal Code empower the Director to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency and upon proclamation of such emergency to make and issue rules and regulations on matters reasonably related to the protection of life and property as affected by such emergency, when the Vacaville City Council ("City Council") is not in session and the City of Vacaville ("City") is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity; and

WHEREAS, the proclamation of emergency is subject to ratification by the City Council within seven (7) days and any rules and regulations issued by the Director are subject to confirmation by the City Council at the earliest practicable time; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is not in session and cannot immediately be called into session; and

WHEREAS, on the morning of August 16, 2020 areas of Northern California, including Solano and Napa Counties and the City of Vacaville, experienced a combination of high temperatures and thunder/electrical storms which resulted in a considerable number of lightning strikes throughout the area; and

WHEREAS, several of the lightning strikes ignited a series of fires ranging from north of Lake Berryessa in Napa County through Solano County to the outskirts of the City of Fairfield, now commonly known as the LNU Lightning Complex fires ("LNU Fires"); and

WHEREAS, the LNU Fires have continued to grow in size and strength since August 16th; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the size and speed of fire movement, during the late night and early morning hours of August 18 – 19, 2020 the LNU Fires moved perilously close to the City limits and residential areas of the City of Vacaville and became an immediate threat to the City; and

WHEREAS, current and predicted weather conditions consisting of gusting surface winds up to 20 mph, very hot temperatures in excess of 100 degrees and low humidity, threaten to create extreme fire behavior, which conditions serve to continue and significantly increase the fire danger to the City; and

WHEREAS, the LNU Fires have threatened approximately 4,500 homes and continue to threaten homes resulting in ongoing evacuations; and
WHEREAS, even with City Fire Department resources fully staffed and assistance from Cal Fire and multiple agencies, limited available resources required efforts to be focused on evacuations and structure defense; additional resources are needed for fire suppression efforts as well as continued evacuation and structure defense efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Director finds that the above conditions exist and are or are likely to be beyond the control and capacity of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities the City may need to protect the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that based on the above recitals which I believe to be true and correct, a local emergency now exists within or about the City of Vacaville; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of such local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of the City shall be those prescribed or permitted by State law and by the ordinances and resolutions of the City; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that this emergency proclamation shall expire seven (7) days after its issuance unless ratified by the City Council.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED this emergency proclamation and its contents shall be published and promulgated in as widespread a manner as is reasonably feasible under the conditions prevailing during this emergency situation.

ISSUED and ORDERED by the Director of Emergency Services this 19th day of August, 2020, at 3:00 p.m.

Dated: 8/19/2020

By: [Signature]

Aaron M. Busch,
Director of Emergency Services/City Manager

Attest: [Signature]

Deputy City Clerk