

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY BY THE CITY OF
SANTA CLARITA**

WHEREAS, Chapter 2.40 of the Santa Clarita Municipal Code (Ordinance No. 89-6) provides that the Director of Emergency Services may request the City Council to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency if the City Council is in session, or to issue such proclamation if the City Council is not in session; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services finds that beginning on the afternoon of October 24, 2019, conditions of disaster and extreme peril to the safety of persons and property arose as a result of Citywide extreme fire weather conditions, such as erratic winds, high temperatures, dry conditions, and public safety power shutoffs; and

WHEREAS, the Tick Fire that began in the unincorporated area of Agua Dulce in Los Angeles County, and rapidly spread into the City of Santa Clarita (City), created conditions that are beyond the control of local resources, resulting in the activation of the City's emergency operation center; and

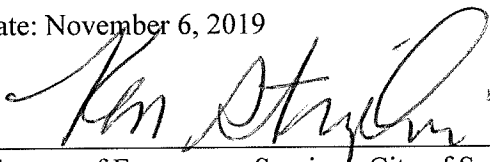
WHEREAS, the Tick Fire has burned over 4,300 acres, leading to wide spread evacuations of residents, necessitating multiple human and pet sheltering operations. The Tick Fire poses a threat to residential, business and critical infrastructures in the area and has caused the closure of multiple schools, a freeway and highway. In order to combat the Tick Fire, there has been a need for mutual aid assistance; and

WHEREAS, these conditions warrant and necessitate that the City proclaim the existence of a local emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED by the Director of Emergency Services that a local emergency exists in the City of Santa Clarita, and that if the City Council does not take action to ratify this emergency proclamation within seven days of its issuance, it shall have no further force or effect; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND PROCLAIMED that during the existence of said local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of the City shall be those prescribed by State law, by ordinances, and resolutions of the City, and by the City of Santa Clarita SEMS Multihazard Functional Plan; that recovery assistance be made available under the California Disaster Assistance Act; and that the State expedite access to State and Federal resources and any other appropriate federal disaster relief programs.

Date: November 6, 2019



Director of Emergency Services, City of Santa Clarita