

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2020-119

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA TERMINATING THE PROCLAMATION OF EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY RESULTING FROM THE 2019 KINCADE FIRE WHICH WAS RATIFIED BY COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 1, 2019

WHEREAS, the Kincade wildfire was ignited on October 23, 2019, during a high wind event in the area of the Geysers, northeast of Geyserville in Sonoma County and spread broadly over the course of several days, ultimately encompassing 77,758 acres, threatening the communities of Geyserville, Healdsburg, Windsor and northeast Santa Rosa, triggering the evacuation of 180,000 residents across central Sonoma County; and engaging statewide fire-fighting resources until two weeks later, on November 6, 2019, when the fire was finally fully contained; and

WHEREAS, beginning on October 27, 2019, the City recognized that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property existed within the City of Santa Rosa, caused by electric utility Pacific Gas & Electric's suspension of the provision of electricity to a significant portion of the City due to high wind speeds, low humidity, and high temperature conditions that increase the risk of wildfire to the City and the ignition of the Kincade wildfire, the severe winds that continued to spread that fire, and the threat of possible additional fires due to severe weather and vegetation conditions; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-24.04 of the Santa Rosa City Code designates the City Manager as the Director of Emergency Services; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-24.050 of the Santa Rosa City Code empowers the Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence of a local emergency when the City Council is not in session; and

WHEREAS, on October 27, 2019, the City Manager, in his capacity as Director of Emergency Services, proclaimed the existence of local emergency in the City of Santa Rosa; and

WHEREAS, on November 1, 2019, the Council adopted Resolution RES-2019-157 ratifying the Proclamation of the Existence of a Local Emergency issued by the Director of Emergency Services; and

WHEREAS, since that time, the Council has regularly extended the Proclamation as required and allowed by law; and

WHEREAS, the impacts of the Kincade Fire have now been largely resolved and staff finds that the extraordinary powers and procedures available under the emergency proclamations are no longer necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that circumstances as described in the Proclamation of Existence of a Local Emergency dated October 9, 2017, no longer exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Santa Rosa terminates the Proclamation of Existence of Local Emergency relating to the 2019 Kincade Fire and ratified by the Council on November 1, 2017 as Resolution RES-2019-157, effective immediately upon the adoption of this resolution.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED this 21st day of July, 2020.

AYES: (7) Mayor Schwedhelm, Vice Mayor Fleming, Council Members Dowd, Olivares, Rogers, Sawyer, Tibbetts

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
City Clerk Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney