

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA RATIFYING THE
PROCLAMATION OF EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY BY THE CITY
MANAGER IN HIS CAPACITY AS DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

WHEREAS, beginning at 6:37 p.m. October 7, 2019 and continuing to the present, conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property arose within City of Santa Rosa, caused by electric utility Pacific Gas & Electric's (PG&E) notification to the City that PG&E may suspend the provision of electricity to a significant portion of the City due to forecasted high wind speeds, low humidity, and high temperature conditions that increase the risk of wildfire to the City. The potential suspension of electric service (known as de-energization) may impact many tens of thousands of PG&E customers within the City and the immediately surrounding areas. The de-energization may last an indefinite period, and significantly impact the health and safety of City residents as well as critical public services and infrastructure. Conditions will require the provision of additional public safety and emergency services notwithstanding impaired response capability caused by the electric outages. The City may need to promulgate emergency orders and regulations to facilitate the maintenance of order and reduction in potential loss of life and property.

WHEREAS, these conditions of extreme peril warranted and necessitated the proclamation of a local emergency before the potential de-energization began, so as to enable the City and other local government entities in the affected region to adequately plan, prepare and pre-position resources to enable effective response to the de-energization of the electrical system, and to warn City residents and visitors of the potential of suspension of electrical services to enable them sufficient time to plan and prepare.

WHEREAS, Section 2-24.040 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 7, 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, Section 2-24.050 states that the City Council shall take action to ratify the proclamation of the Director of Emergency Services within seven days thereafter or the proclamation shall have no further force or effect.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Santa Rosa hereby ratifies the Proclamation of the Existence of a Local Emergency issued by the Director of Emergency Services, dated October 7, 2019.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Council that the local emergency shall be in effect until such time that the Council determines that the emergency conditions have been abated.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2019.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
City Clerk Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney

Exhibit A – Proclamation of Existence of Local Emergency