RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2018-337

MEETING:    July 17, 2018

TO:        The Board of Supervisors

FROM:      Dallin Kimble, County Administrative Officer

RE:        Ratifying Proclamation of a Local Emergency Due to Ferguson Fire

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Adopt a Resolution Ratifying the July 15, 2018, Proclamation by the Director of Emergency Services of the County of Mariposa, State of California, Proclaiming the Existence of a Local Emergency.

On July 13, 2018, the Ferguson Fire ignited in the Merced River Canyon. The fire has burned over 4,000 acres and continues to motivate evacuations.

On July 15, Sheriff Doug Binnewies, acting as the Director of Emergency Services pursuant to Mariposa County Code Section 2.80.040, issued the attached Proclamation declaring a local emergency.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 8630, whenever a local emergency is proclaimed by an official designated by ordinance, the local emergency shall not remain in effect for a period in excess of seven days unless it has been ratified by the governing Board.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Board has ratified similar proclamations in the past during other emergencies.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If the Board does not ratify the proclamation, the County will not be eligible for possible State or Federal disaster assistance.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

ATTACHMENTS:
2018 Ferguson Fire Ratify Proclamation    (DOCX)
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Proclamation (PDF)

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor
SECONDER: Marshall Long, District III Supervisor
AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Menetrey
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RESOLUTION RATIFYING PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY AND REQUESTING CALIFORNIA DISASTER ASSISTANCE ACT (CDAA) AND OTHER STATE AND/OR FEDERAL RESOURCES TO ASSIST WITH RECOVERY

WHEREAS, Section 8630 of the Government Code mandates that a local emergency may be proclaimed by the governing body of a local agency, or, if it has been previously declared by an official designated by the governing body, such local emergency must be ratified within 7 days by the governing body of the local agency; and

WHEREAS, the Ferguson Fire ignited July 15, 2018, and has burned more than 4,000 acres within Mariposa County and continues to burn; and

WHEREAS, residents and visitors have been evacuated due to these incidents with more evacuations expected; and

WHEREAS, the County of Mariposa has deployed available resources in response to this event to ensure the health and safety of the public to the greatest degree possible; and

WHEREAS, these conditions are beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities of said County; and

WHEREAS, the County is seeking financial assistance from the California Office of Emergency Services or the Office of the Governor of the State of California under the California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY PROCLAIMED that a local emergency now exists throughout Mariposa County and the prior Proclamation of Emergency issued by the Director of Emergency Services is hereby ratified; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of the local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the Director of Emergency Services and the emergency services organization of the County shall be those prescribed by state law, by ordinances, and by resolutions of Mariposa County approved by the Board of Supervisors; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Governor of the State of California with the request that CDAA funds be made available for recovery from the effects of this emergency; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the State Director of the Office of Emergency Services; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Director of Emergency Services, or his designee, is hereby designated as the local Hazard Mitigation Coordinator of the County of Mariposa for the purpose of assessing damage within Mariposa County and consulting with federal/state survey teams about hazard mitigation actions; and
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Director of Emergency Services, or his designee, is hereby designated as the authorized representative for public assistance, and the Director of Emergency Services, or his designee, is hereby designated as the authorized representative for individual assistance of the County of Mariposa for purpose of receipt, processing and coordination of all inquiries and requirements necessary to obtain available state and federal assistance.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa, a political subdivision of the State of California, this 17th day of July 2018 by the following vote:

AYES: SMALLCOMBE, JONES, LONG, CANN, MENETREY
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAINED: NONE

ROSEMARIE SMALLCOMBE, Chair
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
RENE LaROCHE
Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

STEVEN W. DAHLEM
County Counsel
PROCLAMATION BY THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY OF MARIPOSA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, PROCLAIMING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY AND REQUESTING STATE AND/OR FEDERAL RESOURCES TO ASSIST WITH RECOVERY EFFORTS

WHEREAS, Section 8530 of the Government Code and Chapter 2.80 of the Mariposa County Code empower the Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of 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; and

WHEREAS, the Ferguson Fire ignited on Friday, July 13, 2018, and has burned more than 4,000 acres within Mariposa County and continues to burn; and

WHEREAS, residents and visitors have been evacuated due to these incidents with more evacuations expected; and

WHEREAS, these conditions are beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of said County; and

WHEREAS, the County of Mariposa has already deployed available resources in response to the fire and associated evacuations, security, and so forth; and

WHEREAS, the County is seeking financial assistance from the California Office of Emergency Services Director or the Office of the Governor of the State of California under the California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) program.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that a local emergency now exists throughout said County.

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

Dated: July 15, 2018

By: DOUG BINNEWIES
Director of Emergency Services

ATTEST: APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

RENE LAROCHE
Clerk of the Board

STEVEN W. DAITLEM
County Counsel