RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2018-583

MEETING: December 11, 2018

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Dallin Kimble, County Administrative Officer

RE: Terminating Local Emergency Due to the Ferguson Fire

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Adopt a Resolution Terminating the Local Emergency Due to the Ferguson Fire.

On July 13, 2018, a fire ignited in Ferguson area of the Merced River Canyon. On July 15, 2018, Sheriff Doug Binnewies, acting as the Director of Emergency Services pursuant to Mariposa County Code Section 2.80.040, proclaimed a local emergency that was later ratified by the Board of Supervisors. Governor Brown also proclaimed a state of emergency on July 26, 2018.

The Ferguson Fire scorched 96,901 acres, closed Yosemite National Park, killed two firefighters, created hazardous air quality in many areas of the county and caused numerous other evacuations, power outages, injuries and concerns. County, state and federal officials will be carefully monitoring the burn scar area through the winter for possible mudslides. Recovery efforts are ongoing and will continue in the months ahead.

As the the Ferguson Fire has long been contained, the continuance of an active local emergency proclamation related to this incident is no longer necessary. Staff recommends the Board proclaim the end of this local emergency.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Board has terminated other local emergencies as the threat to persons and property has abated.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Do not approve this resolution. This local emergency will not be formally terminated.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

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

RESULT:   ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:   Marshall Long, District III Supervisor
SECONDER:   Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor
AYES:   Rosemarie Smallcombe, Merlin Jones, Marshall Long, Miles Menetrey
EXCUSED:   Kevin Cann
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RESOLUTION TERMINATING THE LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO FERGUSON FIRE

WHEREAS, the Ferguson Fire ignited on July 13, 2018, and burned more than 97,000 acres; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Doug Binnewies, acting as the Director of Emergency Services, proclaimed the existence of a local emergency according to Section 8630 of the California Government Code and Chapter 2.80 of the Mariposa County Code on July 15, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors ratified that proclamation at their next regular meeting, held July 17, 2018; and

WHEREAS, emergency conditions, and their effects, have now abated sufficiently to cause the situation resulting from said conditions of extreme peril to be deemed to be within the control of the normal protective services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of and within said County of Mariposa; and

WHEREAS, ongoing recovery efforts include the continued commitment of California Disaster Assistance Act and any other applicable state or federal resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors, State of California, does hereby terminate the said local emergency and any associated powers and authorities granted to staff and the Board of Supervisors. This Resolution takes effect upon approval.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa, a political subdivision of the State of California, this 11th day of December 2018 by the following vote:

AYES: SMALLCOMBE, JONES, LONG, MENETREY
NOES: NONE
EXCUSED: CANN

ROSEMARIE SMALLCOMBE, Chair
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RÉNÉ LAROCHE
Clerk of the Board

STEVEN W. DAHLEM
County Counsel