MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN COUNTY OF PLUMAS AND THE COUNTY OF SISKIYOU PERTAINING TO ASSISTANCE PROVIDED UNDER THE LAW ENFORCEMENT MUTUAL AID PLAN

- **WHEREAS**, on July 13, 2021, an extreme wildfire, fueled by heavy brush, gusty winds, and low humidity swept through Northern California ("Dixie Fire"); and
- **WHEREAS**, on July 19, 2021, and pursuant to the foregoing provisions, the Plumas County Sheriff acting as the Plumas County Director of Emergency Services proclaimed the existence of a local emergency by proclamation, which the Plumas County Board of Supervisors ratified and continued at its regular meeting on July 20,2021; and
- WHEREAS, on July 23, 2021, the Governor of the State of California proclaimed a State of Emergency to include Plumas County and declared eligibility for Fire Management Assistance Grant and other relief programs; and
- **WHEREAS**, on August 24, 2021, President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. declared the existence of a major disaster, DR-4610, in the State of California in connection with the Dixie Fire and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the areas affected by the Dixie Fire beginning on July 13, 2021, and continuing; and
- WHEREAS, the Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Plan delineates the current state policy concerning Emergency Management Mutual Aid; and
- WHEREAS, the Emergency Management Mutual Aid Plan is issued and revised under the authority of Sections 8550, 8569, 8615 through 8619, and 8668 of the California Government Code, the California Emergency Plan, and the Master Mutual Aid Agreement; and
- WHEREAS, the Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Plan describes the standard procedures used to acquire law enforcement mutual aid resources and the method to ensure coordination of law enforcement mutual aid planning and readiness; and
- WHEREAS, the Sheriff of the County of Plumas is the Operational Area Law Enforcement and Mutual Aid Coordinator; and
- WHEREAS, the Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Plan provides, in pertinent part, "When an emergency develops or appears to be developing which cannot be resolved by a law enforcement agency within an Operational Area, it is the responsibility of the Operational Area Mutual Aid Coordinator to provide assistance and coordination to control the problem;" and
- WHEREAS, the Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Plan provides, in pertinent part, "A request for law enforcement mutual aid requires the approval of the chief law enforcement officer of the requesting jurisdiction"; and
- WHEREAS, the Sheriff of the County of Plumas requested the mutual aid assistance of the County of Siskiyou, pursuant to the Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Plan to support law enforcement services in connection with the July 2021 Dixie Fire; and

WHEREAS, Siskiyou County provided mutual aid assistance consisting of law enforcement personnel, equipment, and materials from July 19, 2021 through September 11, 2021 to assist with law enforcement services in connection with the Dixie Fire; and

WHEREAS, Siskiyou County agrees to document all of its mutual aid assistance costs related to the Dixie Fire as attachments to this Memorandum of Agreement ("MOA") and submit to the County of Plumas as soon as practicable.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY AGREED by and between the County of Plumas and the County of Siskiyou that the County of Plumas shall reimburse all reasonable costs associated with County of Siskiyou mutual aid assistance provided under this MOA during the Dixie Fire.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that this MOA constitutes the entire agreement between the County of Plumas and the County of Siskiyou for the purpose of providing law enforcement personnel, related equipment, and/or related materials and supersedes all prior negotiations. representations, or agreements, whether written or oral. In the event of a dispute between the parties as to the language of this MOA or its construction or meaning of any term, this MOA shall be deemed to have been drafted by the parties in equal parts so that no presumptions or inferences concerning its terms or interpretation may be construed against any party to this MOA.

PLUMAS COUNTY

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Sheriff, County of Plumas

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