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**Proclamation of Local Emergency by the Director of Emergency Services**

**WHEREAS**, the December, 27, 2022-2023 Winter storms have affected Siskiyou County's infrastructure and public roadways; and the storms, coupled with continued drought, destructive wildfires, and multiyear burn scars, have increased debris flows within the 2021 River Complex and the 2022 Mountain, McKinney and Mill burn scars, and;

**WHEREAS**, the 2022-2023 Winter storms have delivered a mix of snow at the lower elevations, and the accumulation of this mixture coupled with alternating warm rain from atmospheric rivers and significant and sustained winds, has created a deluge of water, mud, and debris that have inundated County owned roads, and;

**WHEREAS**, storm cells and the resulting precipitation on burned soil and sparse vegetation has allowed massive debris movement and displacement of large boulders to severely limit access along remote county roads and has hindered the movement of goods and services, additionally halting County and State efforts to complete the McKinney, Mountain, and Mill fire debris clean-up, and;

**WHEREAS**, Siskiyou County's wildfire-scarred landscape, and resulting debris has drastically changed the surrounding hydrology and has impacted sensitive watersheds of both the Sacramento and Klamath River's and their tributaries' by inundating the river and compromising ecosystems and endangered species, including Coho Salmon, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Director of Emergency Services of Siskiyou County does hereby find that the conditions of the evolving situation are highly volatile and perilous to the continuation of operations of Siskiyou County, its residents, and has significant impacts on the County as a whole.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED** that a local state of emergency now exists throughout the said County, and;

**IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED**, that Siskiyou County is requesting any available State and/or Federal assistance to include California Disaster Assistance Act funding and that this proclamation be forwarded to the Governor of the State of California and that the Governor proclaim a State of Emergency for Siskiyou County and that the Governor requests a Presidential Declaration from the President of the United States; and;

**IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED** that during the existence of the local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of Siskiyou County shall be those prescribed by state law, by the ordinance and resolution of this County and: that this emergency proclamation shall expire in seven (7) days after its issuance unless confirmed and ratified by the governing body of the County of Siskiyou.

Date: 09 January 2023 By: \_\_\_\_\_, Director of Emergency Services

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