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**SISKIYOU COUNTY
PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, on August 19, 2023, excessive rains and moisture stemming from banded tropical storm Hilary produced heavy rain over Siskiyou County that caused localized flash-flooding in the 2023 active burn scar and the McKinney Fire burn scar and;

WHEREAS, the storm significantly impacted the steep-sloped, burned hillsides of the Highway 96 Corridor, causing massive rock, mud, and debris flows that inundated the tributary streams and deposited into the Klamath River, and;

WHEREAS, debris flows consisting of mud, silt, rock, and burnt trees from the Hilary downpour led to destructive damage to vital roadways that significantly hindered firefighting capabilities during the critical response phase of the Head Fire and Happy Camp Complex and;

WHEREAS, these debris flows resulted in substantial damage and unparalleled ecological destruction across the Shasta and Klamath watershed, ultimately impacting the river, tributaries, and Mount Shasta's alluvial plain causing significant rescue operations of lives and property and;

WHEREAS, while a fire suppression response to the Head and Happy Camp Complex fires prompted immediate evacuations to the surrounding towns, the debris flows caused a significant delay in firefighting suppression efforts for both Hurricane Hilary and wildfire impact to Siskiyou County, and;

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services of Siskiyou County does hereby finds the conditions of the evolving situation to be highly volatile and perilous to the continuity of operations of Siskiyou County, its residents, and the impact on the County as a whole, and

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, 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

Date: August 23, 2023

By:  _____

Director of Emergency Services

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