

**ITEM 6 ATTACHMENT B
RESOLUTION NO. 2024-1887**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
CALABASAS, CALIFORNIA, RATIFYING THE
PROCLAMATION OF EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY
FOR WINTER STORMS SIGNED BY THE DIRECTOR OF
EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF CALABASAS
PROCLAIMING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY.**

WHEREAS, Calabasas Municipal Code section 2.44.060 empowers the City Council to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when said City is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services of the City does hereby find:

(a) The Governor has declared a State of Emergency in response to the Winter Storms; and

WHEREAS, a "local emergency," is defined in Government Code section 8558(c), in pertinent part, as follows: "'[l]ocal emergency' means the duly proclaimed existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the territorial limits of a county ... caused by conditions such as air pollution, fire, flood, storm, epidemic, riot, drought, cyberterrorism, sudden and severe energy shortage, de-energization event ... plant or animal infestation or disease ... or an earthquake, or other conditions ... which are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of that politic; and

WHEREAS in early February 2024 a powerful, slow moving, atmospheric river ("early February 2024 storms") struck California beginning February 3, 2024, and is expected to continue for several days threatening life and safety, public and private property and structures, and other critical infrastructure. The City of Calabasas has been impacted by high winds, substantial precipitation, closure and damage to highways and roads, potential for significant debris flows, river and urban and flooding, and widespread power outages. The National Weather Service has forecasted that additional and continuing storms related to this series of atmospheric river systems threaten the City. Coordination, collaboration, and the combined forces of different jurisdictions are imperatively needed to effectively respond to and recover from these and likely forecasted severe winter storms; and

WHEREAS the National Weather Service issued several emergency advisories including a Flood Watch and ultimately a Flood Warning for all of Los Angeles County; and

WHEREAS, as of February 8, 2024, there exists conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property on the basis of the severe winter storms in the City, which are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the City, and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat; and

WHEREAS, the mobilization of local resources, and the ability to coordinate interagency response, accelerate procurement of vital supplies, and use mutual aid, will be critical to successfully responding to the emergency for the winter storms; and

WHEREAS, these conditions warrant and necessitated that the City proclaim the existence of a local emergency for the winter storm; and

WHEREAS, on February 8, 2024, per Calabasas Municipal Code section 2.44.060, the Director of Emergency Services is empowered to declare a Local Emergency if the City Council is not in session and signed such declaration; and

WHEREAS, whenever a local emergency is proclaimed by the Director, the City Council shall act to ratify the proclamation within seven days thereafter or the proclamation shall have no further force or effect.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council finds that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons exist on the basis of winter storms in City of Calabasas within the meaning of Government Code section 8558(c), and such conditions are or will likely be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the City, and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat; and

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND PROCLAIMED by the City Council that a local emergency exists for the winter storms in the City; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND PROCLAIMED that, during the existence of said local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of the City shall be those prescribed by State law, by ordinances, and resolutions of the City.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that a copy of this proclamation be forwarded to the Director of the California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services requesting that the Director find it acceptable in accordance with State law; that pursuant to the Governor’s Proclamation of Emergency dated February 4, 2024, that the Governor waive regulations that may hinder response and recovery efforts; that recovery assistance be made available under the California Disaster Assistance Act; and that the State expedite access to State and Federal resources and any

other appropriate federal disaster relief programs.

The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this resolution and shall cause the same to be processed in the manner required by law.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of February 2024.

Alicia Weintraub, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Maricela Hernandez, City Clerk
Master Municipal Clerk
California Professional Municipal Clerk

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