

# EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT STATE OF CALIFORNIA

## PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

**WHEREAS** on August 31, 2022, the Route Fire began burning in Los Angeles County and burned more than 5,000 acres; and

**WHEREAS** on August 31, 2022, I proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in California due to an Extreme Heat Event and the Route Fire was exacerbated by the conditions of the heat emergency, extreme drought conditions, and dry fuels; and

**WHEREAS** the Route Fire caused damage to a two-mile stretch of I-5, a state highway system asset; and

**WHEREAS** under the provisions of Government Code section 8558(b), I find that conditions of disaster and peril to property exist due to the Route Fire; and

**WHEREAS** under the provisions of Government Code section 8558(b), I find that the conditions caused by the Route Fire, by reason of its magnitude, are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of any single local government and require the combined forces of a mutual aid region or regions to appropriately respond; and

**WHEREAS** under the provisions of Government Code section 8625(c), I find that local authority is inadequate to cope with the magnitude of the damage caused by the Route Fire; and

**WHEREAS** under the provisions of Government Code section 8571, I find that strict compliance with various statutes and regulations specified in this Proclamation would prevent, hinder, or delay the mitigation of the effects of the Route Fire.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM**, Governor of the State of California, in accordance with the authority vested in me by the State Constitution and statutes, including the California Emergency Services Act, and in particular, Government Code section 8625, **HEREBY PROCLAIM A STATE OF EMERGENCY** to exist in Los Angeles County due to the Route Fire.

### IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. All agencies of the state government utilize and employ state personnel, equipment, and facilities for the performance of any and all activities consistent with the direction of the Office of Emergency Services and the State Emergency Plan. Also, all residents are to obey the direction of emergency officials with regard to this emergency in order to protect their safety.
2. The California Department of Transportation shall formally request immediate assistance through the Federal Highway Administration's Emergency Relief Program, United States Code, Title 23, section 125, in

order to obtain federal assistance for highway repairs or reconstruction.

3. The restrictions set forth in Penal Code section 396, which are automatically triggered upon proclamation of a state of emergency, are suspended, and no such restrictions are imposed, with respect to this event.

**I FURTHER DIRECT** that as soon as hereafter possible, this Proclamation be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State and that widespread publicity and notice be given of this Proclamation.

This Proclamation is not intended to, and does not, create any rights or benefits, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, against the State of California, its agencies, departments, entities, officers, employees, or any other person.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 19th day of November 2022.



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GAVIN NEWSOM  
Governor of California

**ATTEST:**

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SHIRLEY WEBER, PH.D.  
Secretary of State