

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

**WHEREAS** on March 1, 2023, March 8, 2023, and March 12, 2023, I proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in 40 counties, cumulatively, as a result of a series of ongoing winter storms that initially struck California beginning in late February and continue to significantly impact the counties identified in my Proclamations, as well as additional counties across California; and

**WHEREAS** on March 9, 2023, I requested a Presidential Emergency Declaration, which was issued forthwith, for direct federal assistance to make federal resources available to meet the State's critical emergency protection requirements; and

**WHEREAS** California must meet certain Federal validated damage thresholds to secure a Major Disaster Declaration and when it is determined that those thresholds have been met, I will act swiftly to request a Presidential Major Disaster Declaration; and

**WHEREAS** while the counties and the State are focused on lifesaving and life sustaining critical response operations, it is paramount that resources are not redirected to validate damages during these critical activities; and

**WHEREAS** these storms continue to bring heavy precipitation, record flood peaks, downed trees, widespread power outages, and have also damaged and continue to threaten federal and state highways and roads, critical infrastructure, levees, homes, and other buildings; and

**WHEREAS** under the provisions of Government Code section 8558(b), I find that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property exist due to these storms; and

**WHEREAS** under the provisions of Government Code section 8558(b), I find that the conditions caused by these storms, by reason of their 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, I find that local authority is inadequate to cope with the magnitude of the damage caused by these storms; 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 these storms.

**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 Alpine, Orange, and Trinity counties.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

All operative provisions contained in my March 1, 2023, March 8, 2023, and March 12, 2023, State of Emergency proclamations are hereby incorporated and applicable, as appropriate, to Alpine, Orange, and Trinity counties as a result of the storms identified in this and the previous Proclamations.

**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 14th day of March 2023.



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GAVIN NEWSOM  
Governor of California

**ATTEST:**

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SHIRLEY N. WEBER, Ph.D.  
Secretary of State