EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS beginning on or about January 18, 2021, a significant weather event struck California, bringing winds with speeds in excess of 80 miles per hour, to Madera and Mariposa counties; and

WHEREAS this wind event resulted in power outages and caused significant damage to critical infrastructure, including downed power lines and poles, downed trees, road closures and damage to roads in Madera and Mariposa counties; 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 the wind event and its effects in Madera and Mariposa counties; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of Government Code section 8558(b), I find that the conditions caused by the wind event in Madera and Mariposa counties, 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 wind event in Madera and Mariposa counties.

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 Madera and Mariposa counties due to the wind event.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- All agencies of the state government are to utilize and employ state personnel, equipment, and facilities for the performance of any and all activities consistent with the direction of the Governor's Office of Emergency Services and the State Emergency Plan. Also, to protect their safety, all residents are to obey the direction of emergency officials with regard to this emergency in order to protect their safety.
- 2. The Governor's Office of Emergency Services shall provide assistance to local governments, if appropriate, under the authority of the California Disaster Assistance Act, Government Code section 8680 et seq., and California Code of Regulations, Title 19, section 2900 et seq.

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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seci of the State of California to be attiked this 22nd day of June 2021.

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ATTEST:

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