

Executive Department

State of California

PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS the Thomas Fire began burning in Ventura County on December 4, 2017, and I declared a State of Emergency on December 5, 2017; and

WHEREAS the Thomas Fire has now spread into Santa Barbara County; and

WHEREAS this fire is threatening homes and other structures, forcing the evacuation of residents in Santa Barbara County; and

WHEREAS extreme weather conditions including strong winds have further increased the spread of this fire; and

WHEREAS a Fire Management Assistance Grant has been requested from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to assist with the mitigation, management, and control of the Thomas Fire in Santa Barbara County; and

WHEREAS the circumstances of this fire, 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 combat; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of section 8558(b) of the Government Code, I find that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property exists in Santa Barbara County due to the Thomas Fire; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., 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, section 8625 of the Government Code, **HEREBY PROCLAIM A STATE OF EMERGENCY** to exist in Santa Barbara County.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the provisions of my December 5, 2017 Proclamation shall also apply to the effects of the Thomas fire in Santa Barbara County.

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 Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 7th day of December 2017.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State