

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, in early February 2024, a powerful, slow-moving atmospheric river ("early February 2024 storms") struck California, including the City of Los Angeles, bringing a historic amount of rainfall in a 48 hour period; and

**WHEREAS**, the sheer amount of rain and wind brought on by the early February 2024 storms, and its continuing impacts, pose an immediate and ongoing threat to life, property, and public safety; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Weather Service has issued multiple warnings for high winds, high surf and flash floods; and

**WHEREAS**, on Sunday, February 4, 2024, Governor Newsom issued a proclamation declaring an emergency for much of Southern California, including Los Angeles County, to provide immediate assistance with the response and recovery efforts related to the storms; and

**WHEREAS**, the same day, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors proclaimed a Local Emergency in the County of Los Angeles; and

**WHEREAS**, in preparation for the storms, the City issued evacuation orders for parts of Topanga Canyon and La Tuna Canyon; and

**WHEREAS**, the early February 2024 storms have brought record-breaking rainfall to Southern California and to the city, including a record of 4.10 inches of rain downtown Los Angeles on Sunday alone; and

**WHEREAS**, the early February 2024 storms have caused extreme conditions such as mudslides, power outages, damage to power poles, fallen trees, damaging floodwaters, and debris flows, particularly in hillside areas; and

**WHEREAS**, these extreme conditions have already resulted in damages to both City infrastructure and private property around the city; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Council of the City of Los Angeles RESOLVES that:

1. A local emergency regarding impacts from the early February 2024 storms existed in the City of Los Angeles within the meaning of Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 8.21, et seq., at the time of the Mayor's February 5, 2024, Declaration of Local Emergency, which the City Council hereby ratifies; and
2. Because the local emergency continues to exist, there is a need to continue the declared state of local emergency, which the City Council hereby ratifies; and
3. In accordance with Los Angeles Administrative Code section 8.21 et seq., all appropriate City departments, agencies, and personnel are instructed and requested to continue to perform all duties and responsibilities to represent the City in this matter to prevent and

abate the emergency and receive, process, and coordinate all inquiries and requirements necessary to obtain whatever State and Federal assistance that may become available to the City and/or to the citizens of the City who may be affected by the emergency; and

4. The General Manager of the Emergency Management Department is hereby instructed, as appropriate, to advise the Mayor and City Council on the need to extend the state of local emergency; and
5. The City Clerk is hereby instructed to forward copies of this Resolution to the Governor of the State of California, the Director of the Office of Emergency Services of the State of California, the Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management, and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

PRESENTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_



PAUL KREKORIAN  
Councilmember, 2nd District



SECONDED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

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