

## DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

**WHEREAS**, Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 8.27 provides that the Mayor of the City of Los Angeles may declare the existence of a local emergency during incidents that exceed or are likely to exceed normal services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the regularly constituted branches and departments of City government; and

**WHEREAS**, conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen both internationally and within the United States as a result of the introduction of monkeypox, a rare disease caused by infection with the monkeypox virus that does not naturally occur in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, monkeypox can lead to significant, acute health impacts, including severe pain, hospitalization, long term symptoms, and, in some instances, death, and on July 23, 2022 the World Health Organization determined that the multi-country outbreak of monkeypox constitutes a Public Health Emergency of International Concern; and

**WHEREAS**, as of August 1, 2022, there have been over 20,000 probable cases reported globally in 73 countries that do not normally report monkeypox, and appear to have spread through human-to-human contact; and

**WHEREAS**, as of August 1, 2022, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has tracked over 5,811 probable cases of monkeypox in the United States, with California experiencing nearly 800 confirmed probable cases in 27 local health jurisdictions; and accordingly, on August 1, 2022, the Governor of the State of California proclaimed the existence of a state of emergency for monkeypox; and

**WHEREAS**, as of August 2, 2022, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LACODPH) has identified 423 confirmed monkeypox cases in Los Angeles County; and

**WHEREAS**, since the CDC confirmed the first case of monkeypox in the United States on May 18, 2022, an increasing number of reported cases have been linked to community transmission, creating conditions that are likely to be beyond the control of local resources and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat; and

**WHEREAS**, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors has determined that there exist conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property caused by monkeypox within the territorial limits of Los Angeles County, and on August 2, 2022 the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors proclaimed a Local Health Emergency for the County of Los Angeles; and

**WHEREAS**, the City's ability to mobilize local resources, coordinate interagency response, accelerate procurement of vital supplies, use mutual aid, and seek future reimbursement by the State and Federal governments will be critical to successfully responding to monkeypox; and

**WHEREAS**, these conditions warrant and necessitate that the City of Los Angeles declare the existence of a local emergency.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I hereby declare the existence of a local emergency and direct the Emergency Operations Organization (EOO) to take the necessary steps for the protection of life, health and safety in the City of Los Angeles.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND DECLARED**, that during the existence of said local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the Emergency Operations Organization of the City shall be those prescribed by state law, by ordinances, and resolutions of the City; and

**I FURTHER DIRECT**, that all City Departments shall track any relevant costs for staffing, supplies, and equipment related to monkeypox response and forward that information to the Office of the City Administrative Officer (CAO); and

**I FURTHER DIRECT**, that the City of Los Angeles Emergency Management Department (EMD) shall coordinate Citywide planning, preparedness and response efforts regarding monkeypox with the LACODPH and the Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management (LACOOEM).

**I THEREFORE DIRECT**, that the Declaration of Local Emergency shall take effect immediately and that widespread publicity and notice shall be given said Declaration through the most feasible and adequate means of disseminating such notice throughout the City.

**IT IS FURTHER DECLARED AND ORDERED**, that a copy of this Declaration be forwarded to the Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management to be forwarded to the Director of the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services; that the Governor of California be requested, pursuant to the Emergency Services Act, to issue a proclamation declaring an emergency in Los Angeles County and waive regulations that may hinder response and recovery efforts; that response and recovery assistance be made available under the California Disaster Assistance Act; and that the State expedite access to State and Federal resources and any other appropriate federal disaster relief programs.

**Dated at Los Angeles, California**

**August 2, 2022**

**Time: 4:50pm**

**Signed**



**ERIC GARCETTI**

Mayor

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