



KAREN BASS
MAYOR

DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Los Angeles, pursuant to the provisions of Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 8.27, I hereby find that:

WHEREAS, In March 2023, the City of Los Angeles began experiencing continued significant impacts as a result of high winds and substantial precipitation brought on by a series of atmospheric river storm systems; and

WHEREAS, These storms have included an atmospheric river system, numerous weather advisories, and flood watches issued by the National Weather Service in recent days; and

WHEREAS, these storms have caused extreme conditions such as power outages, damage to power poles, fallen trees, slope failures, numerous locations with substantial mud and debris flows and flooding, and red and yellow tagged structures; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles has experienced multiple road closures due to debris flow and related water damage, impacting significant transportation arteries requiring long-term repair and threatening the integrity of the City's infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service is projecting additional storm activity in the coming days, which will further cripple the City's ability to mitigate cascading impacts of the continuous storms; and

WHEREAS, Based upon the above events, there exists the potential that said incidents are likely to become beyond the control of the normal services, personnel, equipment and facilities of the regularly constituted branches and departments of the City Government; and

WHEREAS, The Governor of California, pursuant to the Emergency Services Act, issued a proclamation declaring an emergency in thirteen California counties including Los Angeles on March 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, President Biden approved an Emergency Declaration for the State of California on March 10, 2023 to supplement state, tribal and local response efforts due to emergency conditions resulting from severe winter storms, flooding, landslides and mudslides beginning March 9, 2023, and continuing; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby declare the existence of a Local Emergency and direct the Emergency Operations Organization (EOO) to be immediately activated to take such steps that are necessary for the protection of life and property.

I FURTHER DIRECT that all City Departments impacted by this event, and its ongoing effects, continue to conduct damage assessments and collect cost estimates for the purpose of seeking State and Federal disaster assistance.

I HEREBY REQUEST that the Governor waive regulations that may hinder response and recovery efforts; that 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.

I FURTHER DIRECT that this 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.



KAREN BASS
Mayor

Dated at Los Angeles, California



Date: March 14, 2023

Time: 6:00 p.m.

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Signed with ClerkSign

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