

RESOLUTION NO. 24-09-11-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA, CALIFORNIA, RATIFYING
THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Rancho Santa Margarita Municipal Code Section 6.05.060 empowers the City Manager, acting as the Director of Disaster Services, to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when the City is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity and the City Council is not in session, subject to ratification by the City Council; and,

WHEREAS, conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within the City, caused by the Airport Fire, which began on Monday, September 9, 2024, at approximately 1:30 p.m. in Trabuco Canyon immediately adjacent to Rancho Santa Margarita jurisdictional boundaries; and,

WHEREAS, the Airport Fire grew from an initial seven acres to over 9,000 acres in less than 24 hours, endangering nearby Rancho Santa Margarita neighborhoods, resulting in mandatory and voluntary evacuations of over 3,200 residences; and,

WHEREAS, on September 9, 2024, at approximately 2:30 p.m., the City activated its Emergency Operations Center, initiating response coordination between the City, the Orange County Fire Authority, the Orange County Sheriff's Department and other local and state agencies; and,

WHEREAS, the City Manager, acting as the Director of Disaster Services, did proclaim the existence of a local emergency within the City on the 10th day of September, 2024, at 1:47 p.m.; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council does hereby find that the aforementioned conditions of extreme peril did warrant and necessitate the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AND ORDERED, by the City Council of the City of Rancho Santa Margarita, that the Proclamation Declaring the Existence of a Local Emergency, as issued by the Director of Emergency Services, is hereby ratified.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that said Local Emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is proclaimed by the City Council, of the City of Rancho Santa Margarita, State of California.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of September, 2024.



Carol A Gamble, Mayor

ATTEST:



Amy Diaz, City Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF ORANGE) ss
CITY OF RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA)

I, AMY DIAZ, City Clerk of the City of Rancho Santa Margarita, California, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 24-09-11-01 adopted by the City Council of the City of Rancho Santa Margarita, California, at a regular meeting thereof, held this 11th day of September 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Beall, Figueroa, Holloway, Mayor Pro Tempore McGirr, Mayor Gamble (5)

NOES: None (0)

ABSENT: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)



Amy Diaz, City Clerk