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CONTRA COSTA COUNTY PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY (By County Administrator)

Section 42-2.802 of the Contra Costa County Ordinance Code (Gov. Code, § 8630) empowers the County Administrator, as the Administrator of Emergency Services, to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when the Board of Supervisors is not in session; and

The County Administrator of Contra Costa County does hereby find:

Conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within the County, due to the following:

Human cases of H1N1 (swine) influenza A virus infection have been reported in 23 countries, including the United States where there are 642 confirmed cases in 41 states; and

In California, there are 99 confirmed cases and an additional 119 possible cases; and

In Contra Costa County there are 11 cases of H1N1 (swine) influenza A virus infection; and

In Contra Costa County five schools have been closed to contain the spread and seven schools have students who have been identified as having the virus; and

There have been 29 confirmed deaths in México due to swine influenza A virus; and

The Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services has declared a public health emergency in the United States; and

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the State of California and Contra Costa County have activated their Emergency Operations Centers to coordinate the agencies' response to this emerging health threat; and

The CDC is working closely with officials in states where human cases of H1N1 (swine) influenza A have been identified, as well as with health officials in Mexico, Canada and the World Health Organization; and

The County, as well as school districts and other agencies within the County, have incurred expenses in responding to this pandemic, which expenses have not yet been determined; and

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Contra Costa is not in session (and cannot immediately be called into session); and

The County Administrator has conferred with one or more members of the Board of Supervisors and has determined that three or more members are unavailable on this day, which is Thursday, to assemble for an emergency meeting.

These conditions of extreme peril warrant and necessitate the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that a local emergency now exists throughout the County as prescribed by state law, by ordinances, and resolutions of this County, and by the County of Contra Costa Emergency Operations Plan, as approved by the Board of Supervisors on February 14, 2006.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that such local emergency shall not remain in effect more than seven days unless this Proclamation is ratified by the Board of Supervisors.

David J. Twa, County Administrator