PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY – MONKEYPOX CITY OF PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Director of Disaster Emergency Services, and pursuant to Chapter 2.370 of the Pasadena Municipal Code ("P.M.C."), specifically Section 2.370.080, I hereby find that:

Monkeypox is a disease caused by infection with the monkeypox virus. Monkeypox can lead to significant acute health impacts, including severe pain and hospitalization, long term symptoms, and, in rare instances, death.

On May 20, 2022, the first case of monkeypox in the United States was confirmed in Massachusetts.

On May 21, 2022, an investigation began into the first case of monkeypox in California in a person who traveled abroad, and the case was confirmed as positive for monkeypox on May 25, 2022.

On June 28, 2022, the White House and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") announced a National Vaccine Strategy.

On July 23, 2022, the World Health Organization determined that the multi-country outbreak of monkeypox constitutes a Public Health Emergency of International Concern.

As of August 1, 2022, there were more than 20,000 cases of monkeypox globally and more than 4,000 confirmed probable cases in the United States, with California experiencing nearly 800 confirmed probable cases in 27 local health jurisdictions.

On August 1, 2022, the State of California Governor Gavin Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency to bolster the state's vaccination efforts as part of the state's ongoing response to the monkeypox outbreak.

On August 2, 2022, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Chair Holly Mitchell issued a proclamation of local emergency for monkeypox to address the number of increasing cases in Los Angeles County.

On August 18, 2022, City of Pasadena Interim City Manager Cynthia Kurtz issued a proclamation of a local emergency for monkeypox to address the number of increasing cases in the City of Pasadena.

On August 25, 2022, City of Pasadena Interim City Manager Cynthia Kurtz re-issued a proclamation of a local emergency for monkeypox to address the number of increasing cases in the City of Pasadena.

On September 1, 2022, City of Pasadena City Manager Miguel Marquez re-issued a proclamation of a local emergency for monkeypox to address the number of increasing cases in the City of Pasadena.

The City of Pasadena continues to experience an emergency in that there have been a rapid increase in the number of probable or confirmed cases of monkeypox infection (18 cases as of September 8, 2022) among Pasadena residents, and many close contacts have been identified.

The above circumstances threaten conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the City of Pasadena, which conditions are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities of the City of Pasadena and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat.

The City's ability to mobilize local resources, coordinate interagency response, accelerate the 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.

NOW THEREFORE, I HEREBY PROCLAIM the existence of a local emergency within the City of Pasadena.

I FURTHER REQUEST appropriate financial assistance pursuant to the *California Disaster Assistance Act ("CDAA")*, and that the State expedite access to State and Federal resources and any other appropriate disaster relief programs.

I FURTHER DIRECT that this proclamation of local emergency shall take effect immediately and that widespread publicity and notice shall be given of said proclamation through the most feasible and adequate means of disseminating such notice throughout the City.

Dated: September 8, 2022, at Pasadena, California.

City Manager Director of Disaster Emergency Services (P.M.C. Section 2.370.080)