RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASADENA, CALIFORNIA RATIFYING THE HEALTH OFFICER'S DECLARATION OF A LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY DUE TO IMPACTS OF CRITICAL FIRE EVENTS AND WINDSTORM CONDITIONS IN THE CITY OF PASADENA
ISSUED JANUARY 15, 2025

WHEREAS, significant wildfires occurred on January 7, 2025 within Los Angeles County, including the Eaton Fire in Altadena and Pasadena, which have resulted in widespread damage to property, disruption of services, and potential immediate and long-term health risks to the residents of our community; and

WHEREAS, the fires have caused hazardous conditions including, but not limited to, significant degradation to air quality due to massive amounts of hazardous smoke and particulate matter being introduced to the ambient air, displacement of thousands of residents, emergency evacuation of patients from nursing homes and long-term care facilities, and disruption of access to critical health services and resources; and

WHEREAS, on January 7, 2025, Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency pursuant to the California Emergency Services Act within Los Angeles and Ventura Counties regarding the Palisades and other Fires and Windstorm conditions under Executive Orders N-2-25, N-3-25, N-4-25, N-5-25, N-6-25, N-7-25, and N-8-25;

WHEREAS, on January 8, 2025, the City Manager for the City of Pasadena issued a declaration of local emergency due to the impacts on the City by the windstorm and fires;

WHEREAS, on January 10, 2025, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services issued a Public Health Emergency Declaration in response to the fire, recognizing the substantial risk to public health in the affected areas; and

WHEREAS, California Health and Safety Code Section 101040 authorizes the Local Health Officer to take any preventative measure that may be necessary to protect and preserve public health from any public health hazard during a declared State of Emergency and Local Emergency;

WHEREAS, section 101080 of the California Health and Safety Code, states that the "Local Health Officer or Director may declare a local health emergency in the jurisdiction of any area thereof" affected by hazardous waste which is an imminent threat to the public's health; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pasadena Health Officer issued a Declaration of Local Health Emergency Due to Impacts of Critical Fire Events and Windstorm Conditions in the City of Pasadena on January 15, 2025, pursuant to the authority cited above; and

WHEREAS, California Health and Safety Code Section 101080 requires City Council to ratify a local health emergency if it is to remain in effect longer than seven days, and to review the need for continuing the local health emergency at least every 30 days until the local health emergency is terminated; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the Declaration of Local Health Emergency issued on January 15, 2025, is attached to this resolution and the City Council has received a report on the conditions described therein.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Pasadena herby resolves that the Declaration of Local Health Emergency issued by the Health Officer on January 15, 2025, is hereby ratified and confirmed by the City Council; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that said local health emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is proclaimed by the City Council of the City of Pasadena.

ADOPTED at a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Pasadena on the 17th day of January, 2025 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Michele Bagneris   Mark Jomsky, CMC
City Attorney   City Clerk