

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF PLUMAS
PROCLAIMING A LOCAL EMERGENCY AND REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR
PROCLAIM A STATE OF EMERGENCY (PLUMAS COUNTY BLIZZARD & STORM
EVENTS)
RESOLUTION 2024- 8897

WHEREAS, the Plumas County Board of Supervisors recognizes that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within Plumas County; caused by the February-March 2024 Winter Blizzard that hit the Sierra region including Plumas County, and

WHEREAS, Plumas County has been significantly impacted with widespread power outages due to multiple feet of snow for extended periods of time; and

WHEREAS, another storm warning was in effect for March 3, 2024 through March 6, 2024, and more snow and rain storms are expected throughout March per the national weather service; and

WHEREAS, Plumas County's only incorporated city has had days with no power which has had a significant impact on our medical oxygen-dependent citizens and residential heating sources; and

WHEREAS, staffing is inadequate to cope with removal of the heavy snowfall. Streets remain unplowed due to shortages of essential employees, causing impacts to essential government services and a hazard for essential emergency first responders; and

WHEREAS, due to the significant accumulation of snow from the blizzard and other storms, the predicted rainstorms may result in significant flooding; and

WHEREAS, aging HVAC systems throughout County buildings are being stressed and failing in some instances; and

WHEREAS, transportation in the area is significantly disrupted. Highway 70, one of the two major travel corridors is closed indefinitely and has been since the January storms. Highway 80 is sporadically closed as are Highway 32 and 36; and

WHEREAS, if there were a need for a shelter to open, Plumas residents could not get to it due to snow conditions, unplowed roads and projected heavy snow and rainfall rates.

WHEREAS, this emergency situation occurred subsequent to the posting of the agenda and exigency requires that the emergency declaration be placed on the agenda without full notice

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors finds that there is an immediate need to take action.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED, the local emergency shall remain in effect for seven (7) days following the Declaration of the Plumas County Office of Emergency Services, on March 3, 2024, unless it has been ratified and extended by the Plumas County Board of Supervisors, who shall review the need for continuing the local emergency at least once

every 60 days, and shall terminate the local emergency at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Plumas, State of California, hereby proclaims that a local emergency exists throughout Plumas County due to the blizzard and snow conditions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Plumas, State of California, hereby directs that:

1. This Proclamation of Existence of a Local Emergency shall be renewed and deemed to continue to exist as provided by state law or until its termination is proclaimed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Plumas.
2. The Director of Emergency Services for the County of Plumas is hereby designated as the authorized representative of the County of Plumas.
3. During the existence of said local emergency, competitive bidding and other local purchasing, bidding and procurement requirements related to the Local Emergency are suspended.
4. Plumas County is not formally requesting California Disaster Assistance Act funds at this time.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Plumas, State of California, on March 5, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: Ceresola, McGowan, Goss, Engel, Hagwood

NOES:

ABSENT:



Greg Hagwood, Chair



Allen Hiskey, Clerk of the Board

Approved as to form:



Joshua Bredt, Attorney
County Counsel's Office