DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Los Angeles, pursuant to the provisions of the Los Angeles Administrative Code, Section 8.27, I hereby find that:

The City of Los Angeles continues to experience the wild fire that has burned in excess of 5,500 acres in the La Tuna Canyon area;

The fire has caused economic impacts in the region due to the closure of a major freeway for over twenty-four hours;

Hundreds of individuals have evacuated to nearby shelters for safety;

The impact to public safety resources and personnel of the City of Los Angeles continues to be extensive;

Three structures have been lost and there is a continued threat of significant damage to property in the City of Los Angeles including homes in the La Tuna Canyon area;

The magnitude of the conditions resulting from this wildfire has exceeded normal services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the regularly constituted branches and departments of City government; and

NOW THEREFORE, I hereby declare the existence of a local emergency and direct the Emergency Operations Organization (EOO) to take such steps that are necessary for the protection of life and property in the affected area.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND PROCLAIMED that during the existence of said local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of the City shall be those prescribed by state law, by ordinances, and resolutions of the City; and

I FURTHER DIRECT that all City Departments impacted by the fire assess any damage and collect cost estimates for the purpose of seeking State and Federal disaster assistance.

I THEREFORE DIRECT that the Declaration of Local Emergency shall take effect immediately and that widespread publicity and notice shall be given said Declaration through the most feasible and adequate means of disseminating such notice throughout the City.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED, that a copy of this proclamation be forwarded to the Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management to be forwarded to the Director of California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services requesting that the Director find it acceptable in accordance with State law; that the Governor of California, pursuant to the Emergency Services Act, issue a proclamation declaring an emergency in Los Angeles County; that the Governor waive regulations that
may hinder response and recovery efforts; that recovery assistance be made available under the California Disaster Assistance Act; and that the State expedite access to State and Federal resources and any other appropriate federal disaster relief programs.

Dated at Los Angeles, California
September 2, 2017
Time: 3:00 PM
ERIC GARCETTI
Mayor

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