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## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on December 12, 2022, the Mayor issued a Declaration of local Emergency concerning persons experiencing homelessness in the City of Los Angeles ("Declaration"), noting in her Declaration some of the many recent occurrences elevating homelessness into an inescapable emergency in our City; and

WHEREAS, the City has at any given time approximately 40,000 people experiencing homelessness citywide; and

WHEREAS, the murder rate for people experiencing homeless is at the highest recorded levels and increased in just 2021 by 47 percent; and

WHEREAS, the City will face an acute shortage of winter homeless shelters through March 2023, having fewer than half the number of shelter sites and nearly two-thirds fewer shelter beds than in the winter of 2021-2022; and

WHEREAS, paramedic calls to address the homeless crisis on our streets and in our other public spaces are recently increasing at alarming rates; and

WHEREAS, occurrences of fires related to homelessness have nearly tripled between 2018 and 2021, averaging 24 fires a day in the first quarter of 2021, constituting a majority of all fires to which the Los Angeles Fire Department responds; and

WHEREAS, the City's eviction moratorium, which helped prevent Angelenos from becoming homeless, will end concurrently with the end of the City's Covid-19 state of local Emergency on February 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the State of California's Covid-19 State of Emergency, which provided resources protecting Angelenos from becoming homeless, will also end in February of 2023; and

WHEREAS, in her Declaration, which she directed shall sunset in six months, the Mayor ordered and declared that during the local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the City's Emergency Operations Organization shall be those prescribed by state law and by ordinances of the City Council;

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of Los Angeles RESOLVES that:

1. A local emergency regarding homelessness existed in the City of Los Angeles (City) within the meaning of Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC) Section 8.21, et seq., at the time of the Mayor's December 12, 2022, Declaration of Local Emergency, which the City Council hereby ratifies; and

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2. Because the local emergency continues to exist within the City, within the meaning of LAAC Section 8.21, et seq., there is a need to continue the declared state of local emergency, which the City Council hereby ratifies and continues through 30 days from the adoption of this Resolution; and

3. The declaration of the state of local emergency, pursuant to its terms, shall terminate on June 12, 2023, unless the City Council directs otherwise; and

4. In accordance with LAAC section 8.21 et seq., all appropriate City departments, agencies, and personnel are instructed and requested to continue to perform all duties and responsibilities to represent the City in this matter to prevent and abate the emergency and receive, process, and coordinate all inquiries and requirements necessary to obtain whatever County, State, and Federal assistance may become available to the City and/or to the citizens of the City who may be affected by the emergency; and

5. The General Manager of the Emergency Management Department is hereby instructed to advise the Mayor and City Council regularly on the need to extend the state of local emergency; and

6. The City Clerk is hereby instructed to forward copies of this Resolution to the Governor of the State of California, the Director of the Office of Emergency Services of the State of California, the Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management, and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

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