

PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY

A DECLARATION OF THE ACTING CITY MANAGER / EMERGENCY CORPS COMMANDER OF THE CITY OF LA QUINTA, CALIFORNIA, PROCLAIMING A LOCAL EMERGENCY PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 8630 AND LA QUINTA MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2.20.080

WHEREAS, on August 18, 2023, Hurricane Hilary began bringing heavy rain, flooding, lightning, and gusty winds to Southern California, necessitating the proposition of significant resources, including swift water rescue teams and the California National Guard, to protect health and safety and preserve the lives and property of the people of the State of California; and

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service issued a series of Flood Watches August 18, 2023, warning of potential significant flooding between August 19, 2023, and August 22, 2023, in several California counties, including Riverside County; and

WHEREAS, the City of La Quinta is incorporated in Riverside County and located in an area of the county, the Coachella Valley, that has been identified as potentially suffering from extreme weather-related events as a result of Hurricane Hilary; and

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service has warned that Hurricane Hilary may bring the potential for isolated tornadoes across portions of Southern California; and

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service has warned that Hurricane Hilary is expected to reach Southern California at tropical storm strength on August 20, 2023; Flash Flooding and strong tropical storm force winds can be expected across the whole region, with rare and dendrons flooding expected across the mountains and desert; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of California proclaimed a State of Emergency on August 19, 2023, in response to the extreme weather-related events as a result of Hurricane Hilary; and

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 8630 and La Quinta Municipal Code Section 2.20.080 empowers the City Council, or, if the City Council is not in session, by (1) any member of the City Council acting individually; (2) City Manager; (3) Chief of Police; (4) Fire Chief; or (5) Acting City Manager, to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when the City is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity; and

WHEREAS, La Quinta Municipal Code Section 2.20.020 defines the terms emergency or disaster to mean the actual or threatened existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within this city caused

by such conditions as, among other events, floods, storms, and other conditions that are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, regular personnel, equipment and facilities of the City and which may require the combined forces of other political jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, based on the foregoing recitals and the continued monitoring of extreme weather-related events resulting from Hurricane Hilary, the Acting City Manager does hereby find that potential conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property may arise within the City, caused by heavy rain, strong tropical strength winds, and major flash flooding, expected to commence on or about 12:00 p.m. on the 20th day of August 2023, and that the aforesaid conditions of extreme peril warrant and necessitate the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to La Quinta Municipal Code Section 2.20.090, the Acting City Manager shall be the Emergency Corps Commander for the duration of the existence of a local emergency, as the City Manager has designated the Acting City Manager to serve in his absence while on vacation pursuant to Memorandum dated August 10, 2023, incorporated herewith by the reference as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with La Quinta Municipal Code Section 2.20.100, the Emergency Corps Commander may direct all agencies of the city government to utilize and employ city personnel, equipment and facilities for the performance of any and all activities designed to prevent or alleviate actual or threatened damage due to the local emergency; and

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 3100 declares that the protection of the health and safety and preservation of the lives and property of the people of the state from the effects of natural, manmade, or war-caused emergencies which result in conditions of disaster or in extreme peril to life, property, and resources is of paramount state importance requiring the responsible efforts of public and private agencies and individual citizens; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the exercise of the police powers of the state, counties, and local agencies, in protection of its citizens and resources, all public employees are declared to be **disaster service workers** subject to such disaster service activities as may be assigned to them by their superior or by law; and

WHEREAS, as required by California Government Code Section 3102, all City employees, before they enter upon the duties of their employment, take and subscribe to the oath of affirmation affirming and accepting to act in their capacity as **disaster service workers** as prescribed by law.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED by the Acting City Manager of the City of La Quinta, California, that a local emergency now exists throughout the City of La Quinta; and

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

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that the Emergency Operations Center Director or his/her successor or assignee is hereby designated as the authorized representative of the City of La Quinta for the purpose of receipt, processing, and coordination of all inquiries and requirements necessary to obtain available state and federal assistance; and

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that said local emergency shall be deemed to exist for a period of seven (7) days, and unless ratified and extended by the City Council of the City of La Quinta, it shall terminate at 11:59 p.m. on the 27th day of August 2023, in accordance with La Quinta Municipal Code Section 2.20.080; and


IT IS HEREBY FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that a copy of this proclamation shall be forwarded to the Governor of California with the request that he proclaim the City of La Quinta to be in a state of emergency; and

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that a copy of this proclamation be forwarded to the State Director of the Office of Emergency Services; and

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that a copy of this proclamation be forwarded to the Riverside County Emergency Management Department Duty Officer; and

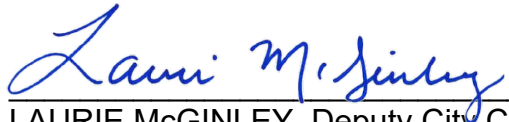
IT IS HEREBY FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that the City Manager or Acting City Manager is hereby designated as the authorized representative for public assistance and the City's Finance Director is hereby designated as the authorized representative for individual assistance of the City of La Quinta for the purpose of receipt, processing, and coordination of all inquiries and requirements necessary to obtain available state and federal assistance.

ISSUED, DECLARED AND PROCLAIMED this 20th day of August 2023, pursuant to California Government Code Section 8630 and La Quinta Municipal Code Section 2.20.080.



MONIKA RADEVA, Acting City Manager
City of La Quinta, California

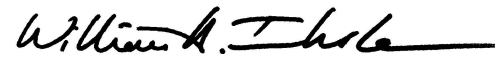
ATTEST:



LAURIE MCGINLEY, Deputy City Clerk
City of La Quinta, California



APPROVED AS TO FORM:



WILLIAM H. IHRKE, City Attorney
City of La Quinta, California



MEMORANDUM

TO: Madam Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Jon McMillen, City Manager

DATE: August 10, 2023

SUBJECT: Designation of Acting City Managers
August 12-30, 2023

I will be out of the area and on vacation August 12-30, 2023. I will return to the office on Thursday, August 31, 2023.

During my absence, I have designated City Clerk, Monika Radeva as Acting City Manager from August 12th thru August 20th. Monika's direct contact information is as follows:

Cell: 760-567-6605 City: 760-777-7035
mradeva@laquintaca.gov

From August 21st thru August 30th, I have designated Gil Villalpando, Director of Business and Housing, as Acting City Manager. Gil's direct contact information is as follows:

Cell: 951-537-8671 City: 760-777-7094
gvillalpando@laquintaca.gov

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Thank you.

cc: Executive Team
Bill Ihrke