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WALTER FINE SR, Secretary of State

By *Richard H. [Signature]*  
 Deputy

**PROCLAMATION**  
**OF**  
**STATE OF EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, on November 12, 1979, the President of the United States declared that the United States would immediately cease importing crude oil and petroleum products from Iran; and

WHEREAS, the United States imported approximately 750,000 barrels of oil per day from Iran prior to the President's order; and

WHEREAS, at the time of the President's order the nation's stock of gasoline was approximately 220 million barrels, a level the United States Department of Energy already considered only slightly above minimum acceptable levels; and

WHEREAS, the temporary suspension in production and reduced exportation of crude oil and petroleum products by Iran beginning in December, 1978, and continuing into the spring of 1979, precipitated a crisis in allocation of California's gasoline supplies which resulted in a severe shortage of supplies at retail outlets; and

WHEREAS, the shortage of gasoline last spring resulted in instances of extensive traffic congestion, acts of violence and general conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property necessitating a declaration of a state of emergency and the promulgation of regulations restricting the purchase of gasoline in 15 counties; and

WHEREAS, the general conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property which arose during the spring of 1979 were not immediately relieved by the declaration of a state of emergency and the promulgation of regulations issued in response to the existence of those conditions; and

WHEREAS, the present energy situation with regard to crude oil imports and gasoline supplies is similar to that which existed prior to the sudden and severe gasoline shortage in the spring of 1979; and

WHEREAS, this State's experience with the gasoline shortage in spring, 1979, indicates the necessity for taking action immediately prior to the existence of actual gasoline shortages in order to avoid the severe impact caused by such shortages; and

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WHEREAS, on November 16, 1979, the President of the United States urged governors of all states to consider strict conservation measures to preserve fuel supplies, and the Secretary of the United States Department of Energy specifically recommended consideration of odd - even and minimum purchase programs to reduce the consumption of gasoline;

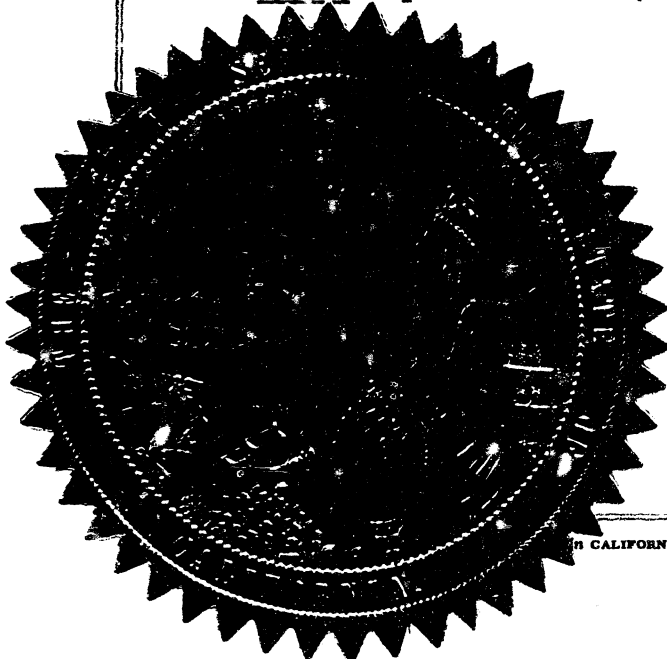
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edmund G. Brown, Jr., Governor of the State of California, find and proclaim the existence of conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the State of California caused by the embargo on importation of crude oil and petroleum from Iran and the impending severe shortage of gasoline within the state.

I DO HEREBY proclaim a State of Emergency, effective at 0001 hours, December 3, 1979, in all counties of the State and incorporate by reference, as though fully set forth herein, the regulations pertaining to the California gasoline emergency previously filed by the California Energy Commission with the Secretary of State on November 14, 1979.

I further declare and find that local authority is inadequate to cope with this emergency because of the state-wide nature of the impact of gasoline shortages in the state.

This proclamation and order shall supersede the proclamations and orders issued on November 13, 1979, effective at 0001 hours, December 3, 1979.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 30<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1979.



*Edmund G. Brown, Jr.*  
Governor of California

ATTEST: *March Fong Eu*

Secretary of State *Richard J. Bates*  
Deputy