

Executive Department
State of California

A
PROCLAMATION
OF A
STATE OF DISASTER

FILED
In the office of the Secretary of State
of the State of California

FEB 16 1962
FRANK M. JORDAN, Secretary of State
By: *[Signature]*
Assistant Secretary of State

WHEREAS, the laws of the State of California empower the Governor to proclaim a State of Disaster in an area or region of this State affected or likely to be affected by certain conditions of extreme peril to persons and property within the State, which proclamation shall be in writing and shall take effect immediately upon its issuance; and

WHEREAS, it is provided by law that during a State of Disaster the Director of the California Disaster Office shall act as the coordinator of all state disaster activities in connection with such emergency, and every state agency and officer shall cooperate with the Director in rendering all possible assistance; and

WHEREAS, it is further provided by law that during a State of Disaster when the need arises for outside aid in any county, city and county, or city within the region, such aid shall be rendered in accordance with the mutual aid plans developed on a regional or other basis; and that it shall be the duty of local public officials to comply with such plans; and

WHEREAS, I, as Governor of the State of California, have found and do hereby find:

1. That conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within this State have arisen and now exist in

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the County of Los Angeles as a result of the abnormally heavy and continuous rainfall which started on or about February 7, 1962, causing extensive flood and rainstorm damage, and the acute threat of continuing rainstorm which creates further imminent danger to the lives, health and well-being of persons, the safety of public and private property, and the maintenance of essential services;

2. That the Governor has been requested to proclaim a State of Disaster therein by the Mayor of the City of Los Angeles and by the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles;

3. That local authority in directly affected areas is inadequate to cope with the aforesaid conditions of extreme peril by reason of their magnitude, which places them beyond the control of the protective services, personnel, equipment and facilities of any single county, city and county, or city, and requires the combined forces of a mutual aid region or regions to combat;

4. That the aforesaid conditions of extreme peril warrant and necessitate the proclamation of the existence of a State of Disaster;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the powers and authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, do hereby proclaim that a State of Disaster exists in the County of Los Angeles; and

I DIRECT that this proclamation shall take effect immediately, and that as soon hereafter as possible this proclamation be filed in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of

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California, and that widespread publicity and notice be given to
this proclamation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused
the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed.

Done at the City of Sacramento this 16th day of February,
1962.

Richard G. Nixon
GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA

ATTEST:

James W. Jordan

Secretary of State

Walter B. Stender
By Assistant Secretary of State

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