Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California, Extending A Proclamation Of Local Emergency Due To Drought Conditions In The County Of Sonoma And Requesting Immediate State and Federal Assistance. (All Districts)

Whereas, the State of California has experienced one of the driest years in recorded history; and

Whereas, on January 17, 2014, the Governor of the State of California proclaimed a State of Emergency for the State of California due to drought conditions; and

Whereas, on January 24, 2014, the United States Department of Agriculture designated the County of Sonoma, along with many other California counties, a natural disaster area due to drought; and

Whereas, the adverse environmental, economic, health, welfare and social impacts of the drought pose an imminent threat of disaster and threaten to cause widespread potential harm to people, businesses, agriculture, property, communities, wildlife and recreation in the County of Sonoma; and

Whereas, local water storage capacity remains below average for the year to date as dry conditions persist; and

Whereas, Section 8630, Article 14 of the California Emergency Services Act requires that Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma review, at least every 30 days until such local emergency is terminated, the need for continuing the local emergency; and

Whereas, a period of local emergency presently exists in the County of Sonoma in accordance with the proclamation thereof by the Board of Supervisors on the 25th day of February, 2014, as a result of persistent drought conditions; and

Whereas, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma has reviewed the need to continue the existence of this local emergency.
Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, State of California, as follows:

It Is Proclaimed and Ordered, pursuant to Government Code section 8558 and Chapter 10 of the Sonoma County Code, that a local emergency has existed throughout the County of Sonoma because of drought conditions since January 17, 2014; and

It Is Further Proclaimed and Ordered, that during the existence of this local emergency, the powers, functions and duties of the Director of Emergency Services and the emergency management organization of the Sonoma County Operational Area shall be those prescribed by Federal law; State law; by ordinances, resolutions and the Code of the County of Sonoma; and by the Sonoma County/Operational Area Emergency Operations Plan approved the Board of Supervisors; and

It Is Requested that the Governor of the State of California waive regulations that may hinder response and recovery efforts, make available California Disaster Assistance Act funding for the State of Emergency proclaimed on January 17, 2014, and seek all available forms of Federal disaster assistance and relief programs, to include a Presidential Declaration of Emergency; and

Be It Further Resolved pursuant to Government Code section 8630, the Board of Supervisors shall review the need for continuing this local emergency at least once every 30 days until the Board of Supervisors terminates the local emergency; and

Be It Further Resolved that a copy of this extension of the emergency proclamation be forwarded to the State Director of the Office of Emergency Services and all State and Federal legislators representing the County of Sonoma.

Supervisors:

Rabbitt: Zane: Gore: Carrillo: Gorin:

Ayes: Noes: Absent: Abstain:

So Ordered.