

# EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT STATE OF CALIFORNIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**WHEREAS** on November 7, 2024, I issued a Proclamation calling a special session of the Legislature to take prompt action to respond to threats made by the incoming federal administration regarding federal funding and other potential harms to the people of California; and

**WHEREAS** on January 7, 2025, I proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties due to fire and windstorm conditions that have now caused multiple fires, including the Palisades, Eaton, Hurst, Lidia, Sunset, and Woodley Fires; and

**WHEREAS** on January 8, 2025, President Biden approved a Major Disaster Declaration to make federal funding available to affected individuals in Los Angeles County, and to state, tribal and local governments for debris removal and emergency response costs; and

**WHEREAS** this federal assistance will be critical, but the debris removal and emergency response funding is provided on a reimbursement basis, and the State must have sufficient funds available to cover all necessary costs without delay; and

**WHEREAS** a number of schools were destroyed or damaged due to these fires, and technical assistance from the State will help them rebuild as quickly as possible; and

**WHEREAS** this emergency underscores the need to accelerate the availability of bond funding to be prepared for firestorms, building on the billions of dollars California has invested over the last five years toward those purposes.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM**, Governor of the State of California, in accordance with Section 3(b) of Article IV of the California Constitution, hereby **AMEND** my Proclamation dated November 7, 2024, convening the Legislature of the State of California to assemble in extraordinary session in Sacramento, California, on the 2nd day of December 2024, by adding the following additional purposes for the session:

To consider and act upon legislation necessary to:

- c. Provide funding to support ongoing response and recovery efforts in the areas affected by the January 2025 emergency conditions in the Los Angeles area, as follows:
  - i) Provide \$1 billion to augment state emergency response funding to promptly fund costs, which should be eligible for reimbursement by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, for emergency response, cleanup, and recovery of areas affected by the January 2025 emergency conditions in the Los Angeles area.
  - ii) Provide funding to the Division of the State Architect and other state agencies, as appropriate, to expedite technical assistance to local educational agencies regarding efforts to rebuild and repair

schools affected by the January 2025 emergency conditions in the Los Angeles area.

iii) Accelerate availability of \$1.5 billion in funding for greater preparedness against the growing threats of firestorms and windstorms and other natural disasters, to complement and add to disaster response and recovery funding provided by the federal government, including the continuance of existing efforts.

d. Make conforming changes to existing law consistent with this proclamation and to enable rapid deployment of funds provided under the preceding Paragraph.

**I FURTHER DIRECT** that as soon as hereafter possible, this Proclamation be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State and that widespread publicity and notice be given of this Proclamation.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 13th day of January 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gavin Newsom', written over a horizontal line.

GAVIN NEWSOM  
Governor of California

**ATTEST:**

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SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH. D  
Secretary of State