



RESOLUTION
OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF TUOLUMNE RATIFYING THE
DECLARATION OF LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY RELATED TO THE
TCU SEPTEMBER LIGHTNING COMPLEX FIRE

- WHEREAS,** Section 101080 of the Health and Safety Code authorizes the declaration of a local health emergency by the County Health Officer, provided that the local health emergency shall not remain in effect for a period in excess of seven (7) days unless it has been ratified by the Board of Supervisors; and
- WHEREAS,** The Board of Supervisors does hereby find that conditions of extreme peril to the health and safety of persons have arisen within Tuolumne County caused by the TCU September Lightning Complex Fire, which began on September 2, 2025, in multiple areas of Tuolumne County; and
- WHEREAS,** Conditions of certain hazardous waste in Tuolumne County in the form of debris resulting from the TCU September Lightning Complex Fire, and which involved destruction of several structures, poses a substantial present or potential hazard to human health and the environment unless immediately addressed and managed; and
- WHEREAS,** There is an imminent and proximate threat of infectious or communicable disease and/or non-communicable biologic agent due to accumulations of perishable foods and other organic materials that normally require refrigeration but have been left to spoil due to lack of electricity, and also due to potential contamination or destruction of residential and commercial water supply in the burned areas; and
- WHEREAS,** The County Health Officer declared the existence of a local health emergency on September 5, 2025, as a result of the foregoing conditions, and it is expected this local health emergency will continue for an unforeseeable amount of time; and
- WHEREAS,** Once the County Health Officer's declaration is ratified, Health and Safety Code Section 101080 requires the governing body to review the need for continuing the local health emergency at least once every 30 days until the governing body terminates the local emergency.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Tuolumne, State of California, that a local health emergency now exists throughout Tuolumne County as a result of the TCU September Lightning Complex Fire and the Declaration of Health Emergency issued by the County Health Officer on September 5, 2025, attached hereto as Exhibit A is hereby ratified; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that during the existence of the local health emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the Director of Emergency Services and the emergency services organization of the County shall be those prescribed by state law, by ordinances, and by resolutions of Tuolumne County approved by the Board of Supervisors; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Governor of the State of California; and

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

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Director of the California Department of Public Health; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors will review the order every 30 days until it is terminated.

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF TUOLUMNE ON September 09, 2025

AYES: 1ST Dist. _____

NOES: _____ Dist.

2nd Dist. Ryan Campbell

Dist.

3rd Dist. Daniel Anaian Kirk

ABSENT: 1st

Dist. Michael Holland

4th Dist. Stephen A. Grier

Dist.

5th Dist. Saron E. Brandon

ABSTAIN: _____

Dist.

J. S. R.
CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST: Nicole Miller No. 13-25

Board Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

I hereby certify that according to the provisions of Government Code Section 25103, delivery of this document has been made.

Nicole Miller
Board Clerk
By: _____

Nicole Miller

EXHIBIT A



Tuolumne County Public Health Department

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DECLARATION OF A LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY BY THE COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER

WHEREAS, the California Health and Safety Code, Division 101, Part 3, Chapter 2, commencing with §101075 confers upon the local health officer of the political subdivisions of this state emergency powers necessary to protect public health and safety;

WHEREAS, §101080 of the California Health and Safety Code, states that "the local health officer may declare a local health emergency in the jurisdiction or any area thereof" affected by hazardous waste which is an imminent threat to the public health;

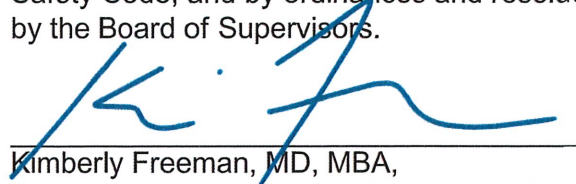
WHEREAS, Health and Safety Code Section 101080 empowers the local health officer to proclaim the existence of a local health emergency when this county or any area of the county is affected or likely to be affected by such a public health threat while the Board of Supervisors is not in session, which shall expire if not ratified by the Board of Supervisors within seven days and is subject to reaffirmation every 14 days thereafter until such local health emergency is terminated; and,

WHEREAS, the Public Health Officer of the County of Tuolumne does hereby declare:

1. That conditions of certain hazardous waste in Tuolumne County in the form of debris resulting from a fire beginning on September 2, 2025 as part of the TCU September Lightning Complex Fire, and which involved destruction of several structures, poses a substantial present or potential hazard to human health and the environment unless immediately addressed and managed; and
2. That there is an imminent and proximate threat of infectious or communicable disease and/or non-communicable biologic agent due to accumulations of perishable foods and other organic materials that normally require refrigeration but have been left to spoil due to lack of electricity, and also due to potential contamination or destruction of residential and commercial water supply in the burned areas.
3. That the Board of Supervisors of the County of Tuolumne is not in session and cannot immediately be called into session; and
4. That the aforesaid threat to public health necessitates the declaration of the existence of a local health emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DECLARED that a local health emergency is threatened to exist in the burned area in this County due to hazardous waste in the form of debris from a recent fire and due to contamination of residential food and water supply; and

IT IS FURTHER DECLARED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the Tuolumne County Public Health Officer shall be those prescribed by state law, including the provisions of Sections 101040 and 101085 of the Health and Safety Code, and by ordinances and resolutions of this county approved by the Board of Supervisors.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'K. Freeman', is written over a horizontal line.

Kimberly Freeman, MD, MBA,
Tuolumne County Health Officer and EMS Medical Director

9.5.2025