PROCLAMATION NO. 2023-01

PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA, PROCLAIMING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY IN CONNECTION WITH TROPICAL STORM HILARY

WHEREAS, Chapter 2.46 of the San Bernardino Municipal Code empowers the City Manager to proclaim a local emergency when the City of San Bernardino is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager, in his capacity as Director of Emergency Services of the City, and in accordance with Section 2.46.090.A.1 of the San Bernardino Municipal Code, is authorized to proclaim the existence of a local emergency when the City Council is not in session; and

WHEREAS, conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within the City of San Bernardino caused by Tropical Storm Hilary (the “Storm”); and

WHEREAS, the U.S. National Hurricane Center predicted the Storm will bring “catastrophic” flooding for the Baja peninsula and for the southwestern United States; and

WHEREAS, the Storm is forecast to cross the border into the United States on Sunday, August 20, 2023; and

WHEREAS, meteorologists expect the Storm to bring heavy rainfall to the southwestern United States, resulting in 3 to 6 inches in places, with isolated amounts of up to 10 inches in portions of southern California; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. National Hurricane Center issued tropical storm and potential flood warnings for Southern California from the Pacific coast to interior mountains and deserts, including the City; and

WHEREAS, experts forecast flash floods, mudslides, isolated tornadoes, and wind damage to Southern California; and

WHEREAS, a proclamation of a local emergency will assist in a coordinated public safety response to protect lives and property, coordinate and mitigate public services that may be disrupted from this emergency, and mitigate any other effects of this emergency on the residents, businesses, and visitors in the City; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday, August 19, 2023, Governor Gavin Newsom issued a Proclamation of a State of Emergency in Fresno, Imperial, Inyo, Kern, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, Tulare, and Ventura Counties; and

WHEREAS, the conditions of extreme peril warrant and necessitate the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency.
BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF SAN BERNARDINO AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

SECTION 2. The City Manager of the City of San Bernardino hereby proclaims that a local emergency now exists throughout the City.

SECTION 3. During the existence of said local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the Director of Emergency Services and the Emergency Organization of this City shall be those prescribed by state law, ordinances, and resolutions of this City and by the City of San Bernardino Emergency Plan.

SECTION 4. All City Departments are hereby ordered to track costs associated with staffing, supplies, and equipment related to this emergency and to furnish the Finance Department with such information on a regular basis during the course of the emergency.

SECTION 5. The local emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is proclaimed by the City Council of the City of San Bernardino.

SECTION 6. Severability. If any provision of this Proclamation or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications, and to this end the provisions of this Proclamation are declared to be severable.

SECTION 7. Effective Date. This Proclamation shall become effective immediately and shall expire on the eighth day following execution unless the City Council takes action to ratify the proclamation.

PROCLAIMED by the City Manager this 20th day of August, 2023.

Charles McNeely, Interim City Manager
City of San Bernardino