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Office of the City Attorney

**PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY  
DECLARED BY INTERIM CITY ADMINISTRATOR G. HAROLD DUFFY  
ON FEBRUARY 14, 2023**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Oakland recently learned that it was subject to a ransomware attack, and the City and its Information Technology Department (ITD) are following industry best practices to investigate the scope and severity of the issue and develop a response plan; and

**WHEREAS**, core functions, such as 911, are intact; and

**WHEREAS**, as a cautionary measure, ITD has taken certain non-emergency systems offline while they work to secure and restore services safely, which may result in delays in City services; and

**WHEREAS**, Government Code Section 8630 empowers the “governing body of a city, county, or city and county, or . . . an official designated by ordinance” to proclaim a local emergency due to the existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the territorial limits of the City of Oakland caused by such conditions as air pollution, fire, flood, storm, epidemic, riot, drought, sudden and severe energy shortage, plant or animal infestation or disease, and further provides that any emergency declared by the City Administrator will not remain in effect for more than seven (7) days, unless the City Council ratifies the existence of the local emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Administrator in his capacity as the Director of the EOC has authority “to promulgate orders, rules, and regulations on matters reasonably related to the protection of life and property and the preservation of public peace and order, in accordance with Article 14 of the California Emergency Services Act, [and such] rules and regulations must be confirmed at the earliest practicable time by the governing body as required by law;” and

**WHEREAS**, the City Administrator has determined that the recovery effort may require the procurement of equipment and materials, the activation or emergency workers, and/or the promulgation of orders on an expedited basis;

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED** that based on the foregoing and in accordance with the authority vested in me pursuant to Oakland’s Emergency Services Act, Oakland Municipal Code Section 8.50.050.C., a local emergency now exists throughout the City of Oakland; and

**IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED** that during the existence of said local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of the City of Oakland shall be those prescribed by state law, by ordinances, and resolutions of the City of Oakland; and that this emergency proclamation shall expire seven (7) days after issuance unless confirmed and ratified by the City Council of Oakland, California, County of Alameda; and:

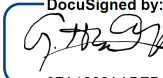
**IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED** that all City departments and agencies take those actions, measures and steps deemed necessary to provide ongoing services to the City's citizens, and to assure the safety and welfare of City employees, residents and property; and

**IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED** that a copy of this proclamation shall be forwarded to the Director of the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services and that the Director be asked to find it acceptable in accordance with state law and that the Governor of California, pursuant to the Emergency Services Act, be asked to issue a State of Emergency and that the Governor afford the City the benefit of recovering its costs: and

**IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED** that the Governor of California be requested to make available all relevant funds to the City and all eligible community members and businesses, including but not limited to, California Disaster Assistance Act funds and State Private Nonprofit Organizations Assistance Program funds; and

**IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED** that the Governor be asked to forward a copy of this proclamation to the President of the United States to seek a Presidential Declaration of a Federal Emergency and make all relevant funds available to the City of Oakland and all eligible community members and businesses including, but not limited to, any aid provided by the Small Business Administration to help the County of Alameda and the City of Oakland to keep the high level of response, recovery, and mitigation measures necessary to make our communities resilient from this emergency.

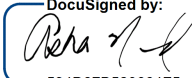
IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand this 14th day of February, 2023

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G. Harold Duffy  
Interim City Administrator / Director of Emergency  
Operations Center, City of Oakland, California

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Asha Reed  
City Clerk and Clerk of the City Council  
City of Oakland, California