

COUNTY OF ORANGE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY

REQUEST FOR GOVERNOR TO DECLARE A STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, in accordance with Government Code Section 8630, a local emergency may be proclaimed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Orange or by an official so designated by ordinance adopted by the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, Section 3-1-6(a) of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Orange provides that the Director of Emergency Services shall request the Board of Supervisors to proclaim a local emergency when the Board of Supervisors is in session and the Chair of the Emergency Management Council to so proclaim when the Board of Supervisors is not in session; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors is not currently in session, and the Director of Emergency Services has requested that the Chair of the Emergency Management Council proclaim a local emergency; and

WHEREAS, beginning on May 21, 2026, a spill of toxic chemicals at a Garden Grove manufacturing plant caused the evacuation of approximately 40,000 residents; and

WHEREAS, officials are currently unable to control the valves containing the toxic chemicals and there is a risk that tanks containing methyl methacrylate, a toxic chemical used to manufacture resins and plastics, may explode; and

WHEREAS, existing conditions constitute conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the territorial limits of the County of Orange which conditions are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment

and facilities of the County of Orange, and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that a local emergency exists within the geographic area of the County of Orange;

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that as of this date all County departments and agencies take those actions, measures and steps deemed necessary to assure the safety and welfare of Orange County residents and property, including requesting mutual aid to the extent such aid is necessary.

ACCORDINGLY, THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ACTING AS THE CHAIR OF THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL HEREBY REQUESTS that the Governor proclaim a State of Emergency and make all relevant funds available to the County of Orange and all eligible community members and businesses, including but not limited to California Disaster Assistance Act funds and State Private Nonprofit Organization Assistance Program funds, and that the Governor request that the President of the United States make a Presidential Declaration of Emergency in and for the County of Orange and make all relevant program and funds available to the County of Orange and all eligible community members and businesses, including, but not limited to the Stafford Act, Federal Highways Administration funds, and aid provided by the Small Business Administration.

Date: May 22, 2026

Signed: Doug Chaffee

Doug Chaffee,
Chairman of the Board of Supervisors Acting as the
Chair of the Emergency Management Council
County of Orange