

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CURRY, OREGON

In the Matter of Declaring an	)	RESOLUTION	<u>R2017-19</u>
Emergency Fire and	)		
Requesting Conflagration Assistance	)	Declaring an Emergency Fire Conflagration	
	)	Requesting Assistance	
Chetco Bar Fire August 2017	)	Delegating Local Emergency Action	

**WHEREAS**, on August 10, 2017, the United States Forest Service (USFS) issued an information release regarding the Chetco Bar Fire; and

**WHEREAS**, that information release explained that the Chetco Bar Fire is located in the Kalmiopsis Wilderness on the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest. A recent infrared flight showed slight fire growth to the north and west, with an approximate acreage of 4,871; and

**WHEREAS**, On August 16, 2017, the USFS updated the situation that "There has been some increased fire activity on the northwestern and northeastern flank, with an estimated fire acreage of 6,016," and

**WHEREAS**, on August 18, 2017, it was reported to the Curry County Board of Commissioners that the fire had jumped the river and has spread uncontained into an area with multiple residents, and that evacuation proceedings would need to commence; and

**WHEREAS**, the spread of the fire into areas of residences requiring evacuation constitutes an emergency that exceeds the resources of the County and presents a threat to life and property outside the jurisdiction of any municipal or rural fire protection district; and

**WHEREAS**, the Curry County Board of Commissioners has determined that there is an Emergency Fire Conflagration and a need for state assistance including but not limited to equipment, supplies, and human resources to respond to and recover from the fire event and subsequent emergency condition; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF CURRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEREBY RESOLVES:**

To request that the Governor, the State Fire Marshall, or the State Office of Emergency Management, as applicable, declare a state of Emergency Fire Conflagration; and the Governor request additional assistance, if needed.

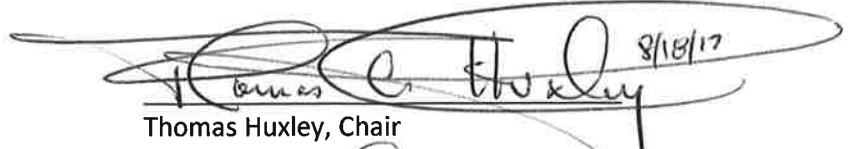
**THE BOARD OF CURRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVES:**

The Sheriff of Curry County, the Curry County Department of Emergency Management, and Fire Chief Jim Watson are authorized to take all actions necessary and proper for administering the Conflagration Emergency, including but not limited to: communicating with the State agencies, assessing the situation, requesting resources,

and directing resources. As needed, the Sheriff, the Emergency Management Department and the Fire Chief may delegate these authorized powers as necessary to carry out their intended purposes.

DATED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2017.

**BOARD OF CURRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

  
Thomas Huxley, Chair

  
Sue Gold, Vice Chair

  
Court Boice, Commissioner