PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY BY THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 8630, subdivision (b), and Administrative Code Section 2.118 et seq. of the County of Alameda authorize the Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence of a local emergency when the County of Alameda (County) is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Gregory J. Ahern, as the County's Director of Emergency Services, finds that, in the days immediately following the tragic death of George Floyd on May 25, 2020, conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property arose as a result of civil unrest that has resulted in numerous acts of violence, including the death of a Federal Protective Service Officer in Oakland, and leaving another officer critically injured. Further, damage, looting, arson, and vandalism of public and private property have affected numerous cities and locations throughout the County, which has created conditions that are or likely to be beyond the control of local resources and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat; and

WHEREAS, the mobilization of local resources, ability to coordinate interagency response, accelerate procurement of vital supplies, use of mutual aid, and allow for future reimbursement by the state and federal governments will be critical to successfully responding to this emergency; and

WHEREAS, these conditions warrant and necessitate that the County proclaim the existence of a local emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED by the Sheriff that a local emergency exists in the County, and the local emergency shall not remain in effect for a period in excess of seven days unless it has been ratified by the Board of Supervisors; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND PROCLAIMED that during the existence of said local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of the County shall be those prescribed by state law, by ordinances, and resolutions of the County; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND PROCLAIMED that a copy of this proclamation be forwarded to the Director of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services requesting that the Director find it acceptable in accordance with state law; that the Governor of California, pursuant to the Emergency Services Act, issue a proclamation declaring an emergency in the County of Alameda; that the Governor waive regulations that may hinder response and recovery efforts; that recovery assistance be made available under the California Disaster Assistance Act; and that the State expedite access to State and Federal resources and any other appropriate federal disaster relief programs.

DATED: June 1, 2020

Sheriff for the County of Alameda

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

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