BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CURRY, OREGON

In the Matter of Declaring a Local)	Q 0 0 0 0
Emergency in Curry County and)	RESOLUTION NO. RESOLUTION NO.
Requesting a Governor's Declaration of)	
a State of Emergency	

WHEREAS, ORS 401.309 provides authority for the Curry County Board of Commissioners to declare by Ordinance or Resolution that a state of emergency exists within the County; and

WHEREAS, ORS 401.165 provides that upon declaration of a local emergency and the request of the County, the Governor may declare a state of emergency by proclamation; and

WHEREAS, on January 9, 2023, a landslide occurred causing a closure of Highway 101 near milepost 312 between Port Orford and Ophir; and

WHEREAS, this event impacts the local economy as residents, and visitors are unable to travel between central and northern Curry County; and

WHEREAS, due to this incident, residents and visitors requiring urgent medical services are in some cases unable to access care; and

WHEREAS, due to this event, all deliveries, including fuel, must be diverted to Highway 199 and across State lines; and

WHEREAS, emergency services are severely impacted due to limited access between the central and northern areas of Curry County; and

WHEREAS, it appears that these occurrences throughout the County constitute an emergency as defined in ORS 401.125(1); and

WHEREAS, the extent and severity of this incident is beyond the resources and response capability of Curry County, and has the potential to impact life safety for the residents and visitors of Curry County.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. The Curry County Board of Commissioners declares that a state of emergency now exists in Curry County, Oregon, effective as of this 9th day of January, 2023, encompassing the entire County, as described above.
- 2. In accordance with ORS 401.165(2)(a) and (b), the Board certifies that all local resources have been utilized and expended in responding to this emergency; and further, that the potential damage, loss, and risk of injury and death exceeds the capabilities of the County's resources and response.

- 3. It is requested that the Governor of Oregon declare a state of emergency and consider Curry County an emergency area as provided in ORS 401.165(5) and provide such assistance as requested by Curry County, and available by the State of Oregon.
- 4. It is further requested that the Governor request additional assistance from the President of the United States, if needed.
- 5. Copies of this Resolution shall be provided to the Governor, Oregon Department of Emergency Management, Mayors of Brookings, Gold Beach, and Port Orford, County Sheriff John Ward, and the County Emergency Management Director.

DATED this 9th day of January, 2023

BOARD OF CURRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Approved as to Form: