



## Public Health Brief

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### PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY BY THE COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER

WHEREAS, the California Health and Safety Code, Division 101, Part 3, Chapter 2, commencing with §101075 confers upon Local Health Officers of the political subdivisions of this state emergency powers necessary to protect public health and safety;

WHEREAS, §101080 of the California Health and Safety Code, states that "the local health officer may declare a local health emergency in the jurisdiction or any area thereof" affected by hazardous waste which is an imminent threat to the public health;

WHEREAS, Health and Safety Code Section 101080 empowers the local health officer to proclaim the existence of a local health emergency when this county or any area of the county is affected or likely to be affected by such a public health threat while the Board of Supervisors is not in session, which shall expire if not ratified by the Board of Supervisors within seven days and is subject to reaffirmation every 14 days thereafter until such local health emergency is terminated; and,

WHEREAS, the Health Officer of the county of Alpine does hereby find:

- That conditions of certain hazardous waste in Alpine County in the form of debris resulting from a fire developing on July 16, 2021, and which involved destruction of a number of structures, poses a substantial present or potential hazard to human health and the environment unless immediately addressed and managed; and
- That the Board of Supervisors of the County of Alpine is not in session and cannot immediately be called into session; and
- That the aforesaid threat to public health necessitates the proclamation of the existence of a local health emergency.



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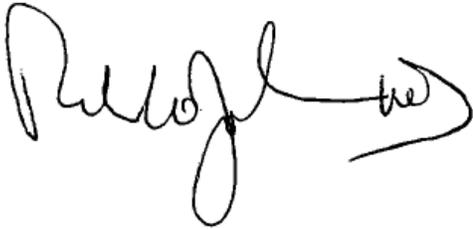
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NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that a local health emergency is now threatened to exist in all communities on the east side of this county due to hazardous waste in the form of debris from a recent fire; and,

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the Health Officer shall be those prescribed by state law, including the provisions of Section 101085 of the Health and Safety Code, and by any ordinances and resolutions of this county approved by the Board of Supervisors.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard O. Johnson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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