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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

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EMERGENCY DECLARATION FOR FEBRUARY STORMS

Mammoth Lakes, CA – At the request of the California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (CalOES), the Town Council will be approving a new emergency declaration for the February set of storms at its meeting on March 1, 2017. The Mammoth Lakes Town Council had previously declared a state of emergency on February 1, 2017 for the snow and related damage that occurred as a result of storms in January. The emergency declaration allows the Town to procure resources that may be needed to assist with damage and also to collect reimbursement for costs that are incurred this winter as a result of dealing with the significant snowfall and rain that has been received.

The Town will be documenting damage for the next several months as it is discovered as the snow melts. If the public notices damage to public right of ways or facilities, please notify the Town’s Engineering Department at (760) 965-3650. Additionally, the Town is working to collect information about damage to private property. If your property experienced physical damage or your business suffered substantial economic losses, please contact the Town directly at (760) 965-3632. Please be prepared to leave a short, concise message. Your call will be returned in a timely manner.

If you have questions about the emergency declaration, please contact Town Manager Dan Holler, (760) 965-3601.

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**PROCLAMATION OF THE TOWN MANAGER OF THE TOWN OF
MAMMOTH LAKES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DECLARING THE
EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, Section of the 2.48.050 of the Town of Mammoth Lakes Municipal Code appoints the Town Manager as the director of emergency services and provides the authority for the Town Manager to proclaim a local emergency if the Town Council is not in session; and

WHEREAS, Section of the 2.48.060 of the Town of Mammoth Lakes Municipal Code empowers the Town Manager to request the Town Council to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency in accordance with Government Code section 8630; and

WHEREAS, whenever a local emergency is proclaimed by the Town Manager, the Town Council shall take action to ratify the proclamation within seven days thereafter or the proclamation shall have no further force or effect; and

WHEREAS, the Town Manager of the Town of Mammoth Lakes made findings as a result of extreme winter snowstorms that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within the Town, as a result of: the severe weather with five days have 12 inches or more of snow resulting in a 160 inches of snow for the month of February following the accumulation of 245 inches of snow in January 2017. The impact of the February storm created hazardous and unsafe conditions within the Town of Mammoth Lakes with damages to structures and unsafe roadways;

WHEREAS Town Manager of the Town of Mammoth Lakes does hereby find that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within the Town, as a result of extreme winter snowstorms during the Month of February 2017 and the Town was not able to recover from the impacts of the January storms

1. The storm events have resulted in damage to the structural integrity of buildings;
2. Snow levels and storage has resulted the need for the fire department to contract for additional services to access fire hydrants buried by snow;
3. The Town is beyond its capacity and that of other local agencies to haul snow accumulations from the Town streets and rights of way creating unsafe conditions for vehicles and pedestrians;

4. The Town The Town is beyond its capacity and has not been able to find contractors outside of town to haul snow as storage areas were overwhelmed and resources from Mono and Inyo Counties were not available and local snow removal operators were also overwhelmed and the Town must now relay on state resources;
5. Town snow removal operators and equipment were also required to keep State Highway 203 open and operating safely as California Transportation crews and equipment were not available;
6. Due to snow depths and coverage the full potential of damages to public and private property is not fully known and additional winter storms are anticipated which may exacerbate current conditions;
7. These conditions resulted in operating conditions and demands beyond the control, services, personnel, equipment and facilities within the Town and from regional mutual aid to address the emergency and to assist in recovery efforts; and
8. The Town Council of The Town of Mammoth Lakes is not in session.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that a local emergency now exists throughout the Town; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that a copy of this declaration be forwarded to the Governor of California with the request that he proclaim a state of emergency for the Town of Mammoth Lakes, and further that the Governor request a Presidential Declaration; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that consideration for a U.S. Small Business Administration Disaster Declaration for Individual Assistance is requested. Additionally, funding through the California Disaster Assistance Act and any and all recovery assistance the State of California can provide is requested.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said local emergency the powers, functions and duties of the emergency services organization of the Town of Mammoth Lakes shall be those prescribed by law, by ordinances and resolutions of this Town, and by the Town of Mammoth Lakes Emergency Operations Plan.

BY:  DATE: February 30, 2017
Daniel C. Holler
TOWN MANAGER