

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER N-85-20

WHEREAS between 2017 and 2019, California faced devastating wildfires, causing widespread destruction in numerous counties throughout the State; and

WHEREAS following these wildfires, impacted communities faced an extremely difficult and challenging recovery process that, in many communities, remains ongoing today; and

WHEREAS on November 28, 2018, Governor Brown issued Executive Order B-59-18, which extended price gouging protections for numerous counties impacted by wildfires in 2017 and 2018; and

WHEREAS on May 31, 2019, I issued Executive Order N-12-19, which extended price gouging protections for certain counties in which recovery from devastating wildfires was still underway; and

WHEREAS on December 23, 2019, I issued Executive Order N-22-19, which further extended these price gouging protections for certain impacted communities; and

WHEREAS communities impacted by these wildfires in Butte, Los Angeles, Mendocino, Napa, Sonoma, and Ventura counties have indicated a need for price gouging protections to remain in place because, for example, many rebuilding permits for homes damaged or destroyed by the wildfires have not yet been submitted, much less approved; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of Government Code section 8571, I find that strict compliance with the various statutes and regulations specified in this Order would prevent, hinder, or delay the mitigation of the effects of the wildfires in Butte, Los Angeles, Mendocino, Napa, Sonoma, and Ventura counties.

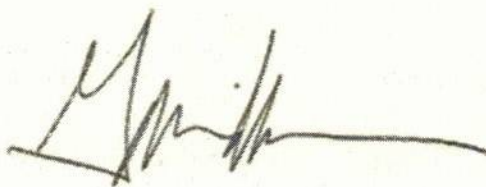
NOW, THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor of the State of California, in accordance with the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, and in particular, Government Code sections 8567 and 8571, do hereby issue the following Order to become effective immediately:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the time limitations set forth in Penal Code section 396, subdivisions (b), (c), (e), and (f), prohibiting price gouging in time of emergency, are waived. These price gouging protections will remain in effect through December 31, 2021, in Butte, Los Angeles, Mendocino, Napa, Sonoma, and Ventura counties.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that as soon as hereafter possible, this Order be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State and that widespread publicity and notice be given of this Order.

This Order is not intended to, and does not, create any rights or benefits, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, against the State of California, its agencies, departments, entities, officers, employees, or any other person.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 30th day of December 2020.



GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State