

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Executive Order N-20-22

(The State of California Representative for International Affairs and Trade
Development)

WHEREAS California competes on the global stage, is poised to become the fourth largest economy in the world with \$3.37 trillion in annual gross domestic product, and is home to nearly 40 million diverse people; global leaders in business, science, art, and culture; internationally renowned companies and centers of research and innovation; a world-class logistics and transportation network; and the largest system of higher education in the nation; and

WHEREAS California is the second largest exporter state, exporting to over 220 countries and accounting for ten percent of the United States' overall exported products; houses ports responsible for nearly 40 percent of all containerized imports and 30 percent of all exports in the United States; and has more jobs supported by international investment than any other state in the nation; and

WHEREAS on February 28, 2019, I issued Executive Order N-08-19, designating Lieutenant Eleni Governor Kounalakis as the Governor's Representative for International Affairs and Trade Development and directing other actions to support the coordination of state activities relating to the promotion and expansion of trade, investment and international relations; and

WHEREAS it remains vital to the nation's economy for California to continue as a leader in trade and investment and on the international stage; and

WHEREAS the state must continue to work across all agencies and departments to expand economic development and strengthen international political and economic ties; and

WHEREAS strong global partnerships and cooperation can fuel sustainable and inclusive economic growth, job creation, and prosperity for all Californians; and

WHEREAS Executive Order N-08-19 is set to expire on December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS Lieutenant Governor Kounalakis has agreed to continue representing and advising the Governor's office on international affairs and trade development, in coordination with state agencies, departments, boards and commissions, as the Governor's Representative for International Affairs and Trade Development.

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, do hereby issue the following order to become effective immediately.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT Paragraph 7 of Executive Order N-08-19 is hereby withdrawn and replaced with the following text:

This order shall remain in effect until December 31, 2026 and as of such date is repealed unless otherwise extended.

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

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

IN WITNESS WEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 30th day of December 2022.



GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.
Secretary of State