

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS beginning on February 15, 2026, and lasting through February 24, 2026, a series of powerful storms impacted California ("February 2026 Storms"), including Glenn, Humboldt, and Mendocino Counties; and

WHEREAS the February 2026 Storms resulted in heavy rain and snowfall, wind gusts exceeding 65 miles per hour, and rising rivers across Northern and Central California; and

WHEREAS on February 19, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration issued Freeze and Extreme Cold Warnings across Northern California which identified additional hazards for response efforts for the February 2026 Storms; and

WHEREAS the February 2026 Storms also resulted in damage to trees, roadways, and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS the February 2026 Storms further resulted in debris accumulation that blocked transportation routes and required emergency repairs; and

WHEREAS the February 2026 Storms contributed to hazardous travel conditions, avalanche concerns, and widespread roadway disruptions across mountain passes throughout the Sierra Nevada; and

WHEREAS these storms significantly impacted Glenn County, resulting in road closures and hazardous travel conditions throughout the county, with County Road 306 reported as impassable due to storm damage and debris accumulation; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of Government Code section 8558 subdivision (b), I find that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property exist due to the February 2026 Storms; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of Government Code section 8558 subdivision (b), I find that the conditions caused by the February 2026 Storms, by reason of their magnitude, are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of any single local government and require the combined forces of a mutual aid region or regions to appropriately respond; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of Government Code section 8625 subdivision (c), I find that local authority is inadequate to cope with the magnitude of the extreme peril posed by the February 2026 Storms; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of Government Code section 8571, I find that strict compliance with various statutes and regulations specified in this Proclamation would prevent, hinder, or delay the mitigation of the effects of the February 2026 Storms.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor of the State of California, in accordance with the authority vested in me by the State Constitution and statutes, including the California Emergency Services Act, and in particular, Government Code section 8625, **HEREBY PROCLAIM A STATE OF EMERGENCY** to exist in Glenn, Humboldt, and Mendocino Counties due to the February 2026 Storms.

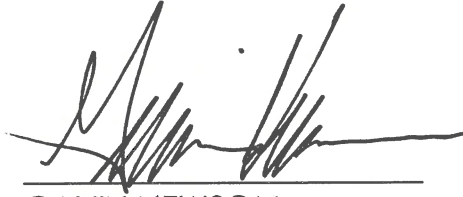
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. All agencies of the state government utilize and employ state personnel, equipment, and facilities for the performance of any and all activities consistent with the direction of the Office of Emergency Services and the State Emergency Plan. Also, all residents are to obey the direction of emergency officials with regard to this emergency in order to protect their safety.
2. The Office of Emergency Services shall provide assistance to Glenn County, if appropriate, under the authority of the California Disaster Assistance Act, Government Code section 8680 et seq., and California Code of Regulations, Title 19, section 2900 et seq.
3. The California Department of Transportation shall formally request immediate assistance for Humboldt and Mendocino Counties through the Federal Highway Administration's Emergency Relief Program, United States Code, Title 23, section 125, in order to obtain federal assistance for highway repairs or reconstruction.
4. The restrictions set forth in Penal Code section 396, which are automatically triggered upon proclamation of a state of emergency, are suspended, and no such restrictions are imposed, with respect to the February 2026 Storms.

I FURTHER DIRECT that as soon as hereafter possible, this Proclamation be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State and that widespread publicity and notice be given of this Proclamation.

This Proclamation 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 21st day
of September 2026.



GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California



ATTEST:


SHIRLEY WEBER, PH. D
Secretary of State