EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS beginning on October 11, 2026, Tropical Storm Rachel significantly impacted multiple counties across Southern California ("Tropical Storm Rachel"), including Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, and San Diego Counties; and

WHEREAS Tropical Storm Rachel brought strong gusty winds, heavy rainfall, and life-threatening surf and rip tide conditions; and

WHEREAS Tropical Storm Rachel, in conjunction with high tides and large swells, resulted in dangerous beach conditions along the Southern California coastline, which caused significant sand movement and coastline erosion; and

WHEREAS on October 11, 2026, the National Weather Service issued a flash flood warning for parts of southern California and a Coastal Flood Advisory remained in effect through October 13, 2026; and

WHEREAS Tropical Storm Rachel also resulted in damage to beaches, roadways, and critical infrastructure; and

WHEREAS Tropical Storm Rachel contributed to hazardous travel conditions, flood concerns, and widespread roadway disruptions throughout Southern California; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of Government Code section 8558(b), I find that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property exist due to Tropical Storm Rachel; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of Government Code section 8558(b), I find that the conditions caused by Tropical Storm Rachel, by reason of its magnitude, is or is 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(c), I find that local authority is inadequate to cope with the magnitude of the extreme peril posed by Tropical Storm Rachel; 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 Tropical Storm Rachel.

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 Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, and San Diego Counties due to Tropical Storm Rachel.

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 Governor's Office of Emergency Services shall provide assistance to local governments, 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. If appropriate, the California Department of Transportation shall formally request immediate assistance through the Federal Highway Administration's Emergency Relief Program, United States Code, Title 23, section 125, in order to obtain federal assistance for local road and highway repairs or reconstruction that are needed due to Tropical Storm Rachel.

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 15th day of October 2026.



GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

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