

**PROCLAMATION OF THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY  
BY THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES  
OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH**

**WHEREAS**, Section 8630 of the Government Code and Section 2.20.060 of the Newport Beach Municipal Code empower the Director of Emergency Services of the City of Newport Beach to proclaim the existence of a local emergency due to the existence of conditions of disaster or extreme peril to the safety of persons or property within the City of Newport Beach, if the City Council is not in session; and

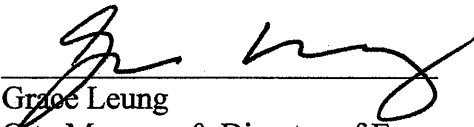
**WHEREAS**, the Emergency Services Director of the City of Newport Beach does hereby find as follows:

1. On Saturday, October 2, 2021, the City of Newport Beach was informed that there was an oil spill of approximately 125,000 gallons of oil, five miles off the coast of Huntington Beach, causing an oil slick, originally estimated to be 13 square miles;
2. On Saturday October 2, 2021, oil was observed onshore between 52<sup>nd</sup> Street and the Santa Ana River in the City of Newport Beach;
3. On Sunday October 3, 2021, the City of Newport Beach issued an advisory warning the public to avoid contact with ocean water and oiled areas of the beach;
4. Due to the oil spill, on October 4, 2021, the County of Orange, in coordination with the United States Coast Guard and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Office of Spill Prevention and Response, announced the closure of Newport Beach Harbor, prohibiting boats from entering and exiting Newport Beach Harbor;
5. On October 4, 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in Orange County due to the oil spill;
6. The oil spill has impacted and continues to threaten the environment and marine life in the area, including marine mammals, birds, and fish;
7. The oil spill has caused or may cause economic impacts for community members, businesses, and the City of Newport Beach due to the loss of access, tourism and impacts to commercial and recreational fishing, charters, and watersports; and
8. The City Council of the City of Newport Beach is not in session.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that a local emergency now exists within the City of Newport Beach, which has been caused by the oil spill, which impacts the safety of persons and property within the City of Newport Beach which is beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the City of Newport Beach and which requires the combined forces of this City with other political subdivisions.

This proclamation is effective as of October 5, 2021 and shall continue in full force and effect until rescinded or amended, or until the local emergency is proclaimed terminated.

Dated: October 5, 2021

  
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Grace Leung  
City Manager & Director of Emergency  
Services of the City of Newport Beach