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DECLARATION OF LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY

Whereas, monkeypox is an unusual disease caused by infection with the monkeypox virus. It is spread through prolonged skin-to-skin contact and symptoms of monkeypox include rash, fever, muscle aches, and respiratory symptoms. Although most cases of monkeypox resolve within a few weeks, monkeypox can cause serious symptoms, including severe pain, hospitalization and, in rare cases, death; and

Whereas, in May 2022, clusters of monkeypox cases were identified in multiple countries with the first case of monkeypox in the United States (U.S.) confirmed in Massachusetts on May 20, 2022; and

Whereas, on May 27, 2022, the first case of monkeypox was confirmed in California; and

Whereas, on June 15, 2022, the first case of monkeypox was reported in San Diego County; and

Whereas, on July 23, 2022, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the multi-country spread of monkeypox to be a Public Health Emergency of International Concern, which constitutes its highest alert level; and

Whereas, the global outbreak of monkeypox is rapidly changing day-to-day; and

Whereas, as of July 29, 2022, globally, there have been over 21,148 cases associated with monkeypox and nationwide, there have been 4,907 confirmed or probable cases in the U.S., including 799 confirmed or probable cases in California across 27 local public health jurisdictions; and

Whereas, as of July 29, 2022, there are 27 confirmed and 19 probable cases of monkeypox in San Diego County; and

Whereas, on August 1, 2022, Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency in California to respond to monkeypox; and

Whereas, there is a limited supply of the JYNNEOS® vaccine, which is approved by the U.S. Food & Drug Administration for the prevention of smallpox and monkeypox disease; and

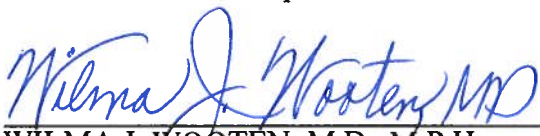
Whereas, due to the limited supply of vaccine, the large population and geographic location of San Diego County, combined with the worldwide spread of monkeypox and confirmed or probable local cases, there is an imminent threat from the introduction of monkeypox in San Diego County community at-large.

Now, therefore, pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 101080, the San Diego County Health Officer declares:

- 1) The introduction of monkeypox in San Diego County is a threat to the public's health, within the meaning of Health and Safety Code section 101080.
- 2) A local health emergency is declared in San Diego County.

This declaration shall remain in effect for no longer than seven days unless ratified by the San Diego County Board of Supervisors and continued for an additional time period.

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