



**RESOLUTION 526**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE IDYLLWILD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT PROCLAIMING A LOCAL EMERGENCY, RATIFYING THE PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY ON MARCH 4, 2020, AND AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE BODIES OF THE IDYLLWILD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 26, 2022 TO AUGUST 25, 2022 PURSUANT TO BROWN ACT PROVISIONS**

**WHEREAS**, the IDYLLWILD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT is committed to preserving and nurturing public access and participation in meetings of the Board of Directors; and

**WHEREAS**, all meetings of the IDYLLWILD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT's legislative bodies are open and public, as required by the Ralph M. Brown Act (Cal. Gov. Code 54950 – 54963), so that any member of the public may attend, participate, and watch the District's legislative bodies conduct their business; and

**WHEREAS**, the Brown Act, Government Code section 54953(e), makes provisions for remote teleconferencing participation in meetings by members of a legislative body, without compliance with the requirements of Government Code section 54953(b)(3), subject to the existence of certain conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, a required condition is that a state of emergency is declared by the Governor pursuant to Government Code section 8625, proclaiming the existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the state caused by conditions as described in Government Code section 8558; and

**WHEREAS**, a proclamation is made when there is an actual incident, threat of disaster, or extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the jurisdictions that are within the District's boundaries, caused by natural, technological, or human-caused disasters; and

**WHEREAS**, it is further required that state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, or, the legislative body meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees; and

**WHEREAS**, such conditions now exist in the District, specifically, a state of emergency has been proclaimed due to an outbreak of respiratory illness due to a novel coronavirus (a disease now known as COVID-19); and

**WHEREAS**, the Riverside County Department of Health has recommended measures to promote social distancing; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors has determined that the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of some members of the public and the Board to meet safely in person; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors does hereby find that the current state of emergency with respect to COVID-19, local official recommendations to promote social distancing, and conditions causing imminent risk to the health and safety of attendees have caused, and will continue to cause, conditions of peril to the safety of persons within the District that are likely to be beyond the control of services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the District, and desires to proclaim a local emergency and ratify the proclamation of state of emergency by the Governor of the State of California; and

**WHEREAS**, as a consequence of the local emergency, the Board of Directors does hereby find that the legislative bodies of the IDYLLWILD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT shall conduct their meetings without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Government Code section 54953, as authorized by subdivision (e) of section 54953, and that such legislative bodies shall comply with the requirements to provide the public with access to the meetings as prescribed in paragraph (2) of subdivision (e) of section 54953;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE IDYLLWILD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** Recitals. The Recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated into this Resolution by this reference.


**Section 2.** Proclamation of Local Emergency. The Board hereby proclaims that a local emergency now exists throughout the District and declares that meeting in person would not comply with local official recommendations to promote social distancing and would present imminent risk to the health and safety of some attendees.


**Section 3.** Ratification of Governor's Proclamation of a State of Emergency. The Board hereby ratifies the Governor of the State of California's Proclamation of a State of Emergency, effective as of its issuance date of March 4, 2020.


**Section 4.** Remote Teleconference Meetings. The Fire Chief of the IDYLLWILD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT is hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution including, conducting open and public meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e) and other applicable provisions of the Brown Act.

**Section 5. Effective Date of Resolution.** This Resolution shall be effective for the thirty (30) day period identified in the title of this Resolution, or such time the Board of Directors adopts a subsequent resolution amending the thirty-day period in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)(3) during which the legislative bodies of the IDYLLWILD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT may continue to teleconference without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of section 54953.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the IDYLLWILD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, this 26th day of July 2022.**

  
Henry Sawicki, President

  
Daniel Messina, Vice President

  
Rhonda Andrewson, Secretary

  
Dennis Fogle, Commissioner

  
Christina Reitz, Commissioner

  
Clerk of the Board

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