



**DECLARATION OF A REGIONAL DISASTER  
ADMINISTRATIVE CODE SECTION 16.8**

**WHEREAS**, On August 14, 2020, the Bay Area and much of California began to experience an extreme heat wave; and

**WHEREAS**, On August 16 and 17, 2020, numerous wildfires began around the Bay Area as a result of lightning strikes that occurred when a rash of rare summer thunderstorms moved through the region; and

**WHEREAS**, Some of the fires have destroyed structures, including homes, and the fires continue to threaten additional homes and structures; and

**WHEREAS**, The fires have damaged critical infrastructure and forced the closure of major highways and local roads; and

**WHEREAS**, Extreme heat and winds continue to increase the spread of the fires; and

**WHEREAS**, On August 18, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom declared a statewide state of emergency due to fires burning across the state; and

**WHEREAS**, Evacuations have been ordered due to fires in Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano, and Sonoma Counties; and

**WHEREAS**, These fires currently include the CZU Lightning Complex Fire in San Mateo County; the LNU Lightning Complex Fire in Napa, Solano, and Sonoma Counties; the SCU Lightning Complex Fire in Alameda, Contra Costa, and Santa Clara Counties; and the Woodward Fire in Marin County (the “August 2020 Fires”); and

**WHEREAS**, Many City and County of San Francisco employees live in the affected counties and some have been displaced from their primary residences or otherwise directly and significantly harmed by the August 2020 Fires in a way that affects their ability to report to work or perform their duties as City employees;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, London N. Breed, Mayor of the City and County of San Francisco, in accordance with the authority vested in me under Administrative Code Section 16.8, do hereby declare the August 2020 Fires, including any spread of the August 2020 Fires, and the resulting evacuation orders, to be a Regional Disaster as defined by Administrative Code Section 16.8(c), retroactive to August 17, 2020. This declaration triggers the City’s Employee Regional Disaster Support Program (“Program”), to provide eligible City employees directly and significantly harmed by this



declared Regional Disaster with Paid Release Time in accordance with the terms of that Program. The end date for the Program for this declared Regional Disaster is August 31, 2020.

DATED: August 24, 2020

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "London Breed", written over a horizontal line.

London N. Breed  
Mayor of San Francisco

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