

PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 38-431.01, THE GILA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL HOLD AN EMERGENCY MEETING AT THE GILA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' HEARING ROOM, 1400 EAST ASH STREET, GLOBE, ARIZONA. ONE OR MORE BOARD MEMBERS MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING BY TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL OR BY INTERACTIVE TELEVISION VIDEO (ITV). THE AGENDA IS AS FOLLOWS:

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## **EMERGENCY MEETING - TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2021 - 10:30 A.M.**

1. **CALL TO ORDER - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**
2. **REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:**
  - A. Information/Discussion/Action to adopt Resolution No. 21-06-01 issuing a Declaration of Emergency in Gila County due to the Telegraph Fire that began on Friday, June 4, 2021, and the Mescal Fire that began on June 1, 2021; and authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to take all further actions as may be necessary or appropriate to implement this declaration pursuant to Arizona Revised Statute § 26-311. **(Michael O'Driscoll)**

IF SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS ARE NEEDED, PLEASE CONTACT THE RECEPTIONIST AT (928) 425-3231 AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE THE ACCOMMODATIONS. FOR TTY, PLEASE DIAL 7-1-1 TO REACH THE ARIZONA RELAY SERVICE AND ASK THE OPERATOR TO CONNECT YOU TO (928) 425-3231.

THE BOARD MAY VOTE TO HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING LEGAL ADVICE FROM THE BOARD'S ATTORNEY ON ANY MATTER LISTED ON THE AGENDA PURSUANT TO A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(3).

THE ORDER OR DELETION OF ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION AT THE MEETING.

**ARF-6724**

**2. A.**

**Emergency Meeting**

Meeting Date: 06/07/2021

Submitted For: Michael O'Driscoll, Director

Submitted By: Marian Sheppard, Clerk of the Board

Department: Health & Emergency Management

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Information

Request/Subject

Adoption of Resolution No. 21-06-01 issuing a Declaration of Emergency due to the Telegraph Fire and the Mescal Fire.

Background Information

The Telegraph Fire started on Friday, June 4, 2021, in the Tonto National Forest southeast of Superior, Pinal County, and has traveled into Gila County and now impacts the Town of Miami and City of Globe; and the Mescal Fire started on Tuesday, June 1, 2021, in the Mescal wilderness southeast of Globe, Gila County, and now is impacting the homes near Dripping Springs, El Capitan, and San Carlos.

Evaluation

It is essential to the well-being of Gila County residents after disasters to expedite recovery and mitigate hazardous conditions threatening public safety, loss of property, and damage to County infrastructure.

Preparation of a pre-event recovery plan can assist Gila County to organize recovery in advance of a declared disaster and to mitigate hazardous conditions before and after such a disaster. Such is the situation with regard to the Telegraph and Mescal Fires.

Resolution No. 21-06-01 is necessary to utilize internal and external resources to prepare for issues that may affect County residents and allow for financial reimbursement once we have exceeded our threshold.

Conclusion

Resolution No. 21-06-01 will prepare Gila County for recovery efforts from the above-mentioned fires and provide the legal avenue to request additional resources if needed.

Recommendation

It is the recommendation of the Health and Emergency Management Department Director that the Board of Supervisors adopt Resolution No. 21-06-01.

Suggested Motion

Information/Discussion/Action to adopt Resolution No. 21-06-01 issuing a Declaration of Emergency in Gila County due to the Telegraph Fire that began on Friday, June 4, 2021, and the Mescal Fire that began on June 1, 2021; and authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to take all further actions as may be necessary or appropriate to implement this declaration pursuant to Arizona Revised Statute § 26-311. **(Michael O'Driscoll)**

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Attachments

Resolution No. 21-06-01

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**RESOLUTION NO. 21-06-01**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF GILA COUNTY, ARIZONA, ISSUING A DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY DUE TO THE TELEGRAPH FIRE THAT STARTED ON FRIDAY, JUNE 4, 2021, IN THE TONTO NATIONAL FOREST SOUTHEAST OF SUPERIOR, PINAL COUNTY, AND HAS TRAVELED INTO GILA COUNTY AND NOW IMPACTS THE TOWN OF MIAMI AND CITY OF GLOBE; ISSUING A DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY DUE TO THE MESCAL FIRE THAT STARTED TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 2021, IN THE MESCAL WILDERNESS SOUTHEAST OF GLOBE, GILA COUNTY, AND NOW IS IMPACTING THE HOMES NEAR DRIPPING SPRINGS, EL CAPITAN, AND SAN CARLOS; AND AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO TAKE ALL FURTHER ACTIONS AS MAY BE NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE TO IMPLEMENT THIS DECLARATION PURSUANT TO ARIZONA REVISED STATUTE (A.R.S.) § 26-311.**

**WHEREAS**, the Gila County Board of Supervisors is authorized by A.R.S. § 26-311 to declare an emergency exists due to wildfires which endangers life or property within the city or the unincorporated areas of the County; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Telegraph Fire that started on June 4, 2021, and the Mescal Fire that started on June 1, 2021, has created an emergency where evacuation orders have been issued and there is a threat of damage to homes, livestock/animals and property; and,

**WHEREAS**, multiple jurisdictional resources are on the ground expending resources to assist in evacuations and sheltering; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Telegraph and Mescal Fires have the potential to impact our Gila County communities and damage County infrastructure, and forecasted monsoon rains may have future impacts on County roadways and private properties;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Gila County Board of Supervisors hereby issues this Declaration of Emergency in Gila County and the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to take all further actions as may be necessary or appropriate to implement this declaration pursuant to A.R.S. § 26-311.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 2021, at Globe, Gila County, Arizona

Attest:

**GILA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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Marian Sheppard, Clerk of the Board

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Tim R. Humphrey, Chairman