EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT STATE OF CALIFORNIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER N-3-25

WHEREAS on January 7, 2025, I proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties due to the Palisades Fire and windstorm conditions; and

WHEREAS on January 8, 2025, I issued an Executive Order to bolster the emergency response to the rapid spread of additional fires throughout Los Angeles and Ventura Counties due to the windstorm conditions; and

WHEREAS these fires and windstorm conditions have collectively burned over 30,000 acres; and

WHEREAS these fires and windstorm conditions have destroyed and continue to threaten structures, homes, and critical infrastructure; and

WHEREAS these fires and windstorm conditions continue to evolve, requiring additional resources and personnel for the response efforts, including resources from outside of the State; and

WHEREAS these fires and windstorm conditions continue to result in poor air quality and significant impact to schools, including school closures, limited outdoor physical education, and overall impacts to school administration; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of Government Code section 8571, I find that strict compliance with various statutes and regulations specified in this Order would prevent, hinder, or delay the mitigation of the effects of these fires and windstorm conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor of the State of California, in accordance with the authority vested in me by the State Constitution and statutes, including the California Emergency Services Act, and in particular, Government Code section 8567, 8571, and 8627, do hereby issue the following Order to become effective immediately.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- 1. All provisions contained in the above-referenced Proclamation of a State of Emergency and Executive Order shall remain in full force and effect, except as modified in this Order.
- 2. Any personnel holding a license, certificate, or other permit issued by a state party to the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, including, but not limited to, medical personnel, entering California to assist in responding to this emergency shall be deemed licensed, certified, or permitted to provide services in California as prescribed by Government Code section 179.5. Permission for any such individual rendering service is subject to the approval of the Director of the Emergency Medical Services Authority for medical personnel, or the Director of the Office of Emergency Services for non-medical

personnel, and shall be in effect for a period of time not to exceed the duration of this emergency.

- 3. The requirements of California Code of Regulations, title 19, section 2470.2, subdivisions (a)(4), (6) and (7), and (b)(1) through (2) are hereby suspended for private fire prevention resources, as defined by California Code of Regulations, title 19, section 2470.1, subdivision (m), responding to this emergency, or providing services within thirty (30) days from the date of this Order, whichever is less.
- 4. The provisions of Paragraphs 8, 9, and 10 of Executive Order N-2-25 shall also apply to Ventura County.
- The due dates for making School Accountability Report Cards available in hard copy or on the internet pursuant to Education Code sections 35256 and 35258 are extended by 45 days for all local educational agencies impacted by this emergency in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties.
- 6. For those local educational agencies that have been directly impacted by this emergency in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties, the time required to assess students for English language proficiency in Education Code section 313 and California Code of Regulations, Title 5, sections 11518 and 11518.5, is extended for a period of 45 days.
- 7. Paragraph 11 of Executive Order N-2-25 is withdrawn and replaced by the following:

The requirements specified in Education Code sections 51210(a)(7), 51220(d), 51222, and 51223, related to minimum instructional minutes in physical education for grades 1 through 12 and the requirements specified in Education Code section 51241(b)(2), related to providing adequate facilities for physical education courses, are suspended for those periods in which there is a lack of available facilities for physical educational agencies impacted by this emergency in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties.

- 8. The requirements imposed by Welfare and Institutions Code Section 10227.5, subsections (a) through (f), and Sections 18076.2(d)(3) and 18065 of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations, are suspended for agencies and local government entities in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties that are directly impacted as a result of this emergency and contract with the California Department of Social Services to operate Alternative Payment Programs, Migrant Alternative Payment Programs, CalWORKs Stages 1, 2 and 3 Programs, Emergency Child Care Bridge Programs or Family Child Care Home Education Network Programs. Such agencies and local government entities may be reimbursed for up to 30 days from the actual date of the state-declared emergency, using the most recently certified record/invoice available, when no attendance record or invoice is available as a result of this emergency.
- 9. The requirement imposed by Welfare and Institutions Code Section 10300(a) that contracting agencies or facilities may be reimbursed for approvable startup costs in an amount in excess of 15 percent of the agency's total contract amount only when costs are used to expand

or increase a contracting agency's total contract amount, is suspended for contracting agencies directly impacted as a result of this emergency in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties. The Department may reimburse approvable startup costs for impacted child care and development agencies or facilities pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 10300(a) even if the startup costs are not used to expand or increase the impacted contractor's total contract amount.

I FURTHER DIRECT that as soon as hereafter possible, this Order be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State and that widespread publicity and notice be given of this Order.

This Order is not intended to, and does not, create any rights or benefits, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, against the State of California, its agencies, departments, entities, officers, employees, or any other person.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 10th day of January 2025.

GAVIN NEWSOM Governor of California

ATTEST:

SHIRLEY WEBER, PH.D Secretary of State