

WHEREAS on December 5, 2017, Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. proclaimed that a state of emergency did then exist and continues to exist in Ventura County as a result of the Thomas Fire; and

WHEREAS Governor Brown's proclamation found that the Thomas Fire continues to burn, has destroyed hundreds of homes and other structures, necessitating the evacuation of tens of thousands of residents; and

WHEREAS Governor Brown's proclamation found that the Thomas Fire also has damaged and continues to threaten critical infrastructure, causing widespread power outages and forcing the closure of major highways and local roads; and

WHEREAS the Bank Extraordinary Situation Closing Act, in Financial Code section 1092, empowers the Commissioner of Business Oversight, by proclamation, to authorize state-chartered banks to close any or all of their offices in affected areas until the Commissioner determines the extraordinary situation has ended, or until the officers of the bank determine that one or more offices should reopen; and

WHEREAS an extraordinary situation is any condition or occurrence that may interfere or is inconsistent with the conduct of normal business operations at one or more offices of a bank or which poses a threat to the safety or security of persons or property, or both;

NOW THEREFORE I, JAN LYNN OWEN, Commissioner of Business Oversight, in accordance with Governor Brown's proclamation that a state of emergency exists in Ventura County, and by the authority vested in me by Financial Code Section 1092, HEREBY FIND AND PROCLAIM THAT AN EXTRAORDINARY SITUATION EXISTS IN VENTURA COUNTY.

I HEREBY AUTHORIZE state-chartered banks that have offices located in Ventura County to close any or all of their offices until further proclamation of the Commissioner that the extraordinary situation has ended or until such time as the officers of the bank determine that one or more closed offices should reopen and for such further time as may reasonably be required to reopen.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Commissioner of Business Oversight to be affixed this 5th day of December 2017.



  
JAN LYNN OWEN, Commissioner of  
Business Oversight

WITNESS:  
  
SCOTT D. CAMERON, Senior Deputy  
Commissioner, Division of Financial  
Institutions