DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FOR KLAMATH COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Declaring)
A State of Emergency) **RESOLUTION NO. RE2026-025**
Within Klamath County)

WHEREAS, annual water supplies available for irrigators and wildlife refuges within Klamath County are a function of both available storage in various reservoirs and the estimated seasonal inflow from winter snow pack; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon Water Conditions report as of March 12, 2026 shows Snow Water Equivalent values at 23% of median in the Klamath Basin. The US Drought Monitor for April 2, 2026 shows most of Klamath County experiencing Severe Drought conditions; and

WHEREAS, water supplies for irrigators and wildlife refuges are in serious jeopardy. The above conditions result in loss of economic stability, pasture shortages, decrease in feed production and a shortened growing season. In addition, this drought will result in decreased fuel moisture and a potential early and prolonged onset of fire danger; and

WHEREAS, the resources committed and actions initiated by local governments to alleviate the emergency include:

- By this Declaration, implemented the Klamath County Emergency Operations Plan
- Initiated a limited activation of the Emergency Operations Center
- Examined County fiscal resources and found them inadequate to provide relief

WHEREAS, we find that appropriate response is beyond the capability of Klamath County. We are declaring a State of Emergency for the purpose of assessment, evaluation and acquiring the ability to provide appropriate available resources. Resources required include a Governor's Drought Declaration and a Federal Drought Declaration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners declares a drought emergency in Klamath County, Oregon.

DONE AND DATED this 14th day of April, 2026.

KLAMATH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Chair

Vice-Chair

Commissioner