

WHEREAS the World Health Organization has declared a phase 6 Pandemic of Novel H1N1 influenza, with millions sick and thousands dead from the diseases and

WHEREAS Sacramento County has been part of this pandemic with thousands of Sacramentans sick with H1N1 and 14 deaths from this disease, and

WHEREAS hospitals in our region are reporting hundreds of hospitalizations from H1N1 with many patients in Intensive Care because of the disease, and

WHEREAS 95% of all Influenza viruses detected in the Sacramento County Public Health Laboratory are H1N1, and

WHEREAS public schools in Sacramento County are beginning to report more than 10% absenteeism due to influenza-like illness,

WHEREAS there is a delay in the delivery of H1N1 vaccine for immunizing the public, and

WHEREAS the United States Department of Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency in the spring, and

WHEREAS the State of California has declared a public health emergency, and

WHEREAS the President of the United States has declared a public health emergency, and

WHEREAS the spread of the virus poses a threat to property in the county due to illness-related absenteeism, particularly among public safety and law enforcement personnel and persons engaged in activities and businesses critical to the economy and infrastructure of the county; and

WHEREAS the Sacramento County Department of Health and Human Services must use all preventive measures, which will require access to available services, personnel, equipment, and facilities, to respond to the H1N1 Flu; and

WHEREAS the H1N1 Flu constitutes a potential epidemic under section 2.46.030(5) of the Sacramento County Code that, by reason of its magnitude, is beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities of Sacramento County and require the combined forces of a mutual aid region or regions to combat.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Sacramento County Public health Officer, in accordance with the authority vested in her pursuant to Sacramento County Code section 2.46.130(b), finds that conditions of extreme peril to the health and safety of person and property exists within the County of Sacramento and **HEREBY PROCLAIMS A STATE OF EMERGENCY** in Sacramento County.

The foregoing Proclamation was signed by the Public Health Officer of the County of Sacramento this 2nd day of November, 2009,

Glennah Trochet M.D.
Sacramento County Public Health Officer