

**A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF ONTARIO CITY  
MANAGER/DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES,  
PROCLAIMING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL  
EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, section 4-3.06(a)(1) of the Ontario Municipal Code empowers the Director of Emergency Services/City Manager to proclaim a local emergency if the City Council is not in session and requires that the City Council shall take action to ratify the proclamation within seven days thereafter; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2021, a massive home explosion occurred at the 400 block of West Francis Street at approximately 12:30 p.m.; and

**WHEREAS**, the cause of the home explosion is under investigation and mandatory evacuations in and around the 400 block of West Francis Street are necessary; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has established a care and reception site for residents displaced by the mandatory evacuations; and

**WHEREAS**, conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within the City of Ontario, as a result of the home explosion that occurred on the 400 block of West Francis Street at approximately 12:30 p.m. on the 16th day of March, 2021, at which time the City Council of the City of Ontario was not in session; and

**WHEREAS**, these conditions are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the City of Ontario; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Ontario is not in session and cannot immediately be called into session.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED** that a local emergency now exists, and has existed since the 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021, at 3:30 p.m. in the City of Ontario;

**IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED** that during the existence of said local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of this City shall be those prescribed by state law, by ordinances, and resolutions of this City, and;

That this emergency proclamation shall expire in seven (7) days after issuance unless confirmed and ratified by the governing body of the City of Council.

Dated: 3/14/2021

By:   
Scott Ochoa, City Manager/Director of  
Emergency Services

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