EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

A PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS on September 9, 2010, an explosion in San Mateo County started fires that are continuing to burn; and

WHEREAS an unknown number of people have been injured or killed; and

WHEREAS the fires has destroyed over 50 homes, and is threatening numerous other structures, causing evacuations of residents and the opening of emergency shelters; and

WHEREAS portions of local highways and freeways have been closed and traffic diverted throughout the San Francisco peninsula; and

WHEREAS the fire and explosion has disrupted utilities throughout the surrounding neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS on September 9, 2010, I requested, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency granted, a Fire Management Assistance Grant to assist with firefighting costs; and

WHEREAS the circumstances of this explosion and fires, by reason of their magnitude, are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities of any single county, city and county, or city and require the combined forces of a mutual aid region or regions to combat; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of section 8558(b) of the California Government Code, I find that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property exist due to the fires in San Mateo County.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ABEL MALDONADO, Acting 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, section 8625 of the California Government Code, **HEREBY PROCLAIM A STATE OF EMERGENCY** to exist within San Mateo County.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that all agencies of the state government utilize and employ state personnel, equipment and facilities for the performance of any and all activities consistent with the direction of my California Emergency Management Agency and the State Emergency Plan and that Cal EMA provide local government assistance under the authority of the California Disaster Assistance Act.

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 9th day of September 2010.

ABEL MALDONADO
Lieutenant Governor and Acting Governor of California

ATTEST:

DEBRA BOWEN
Secretary of State