EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT STATE OF CALIFORNIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER N-26-25

WHEREAS on January 7, 2025, I proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties due to fire and windstorm conditions that caused multiple fires, including the Palisades, Eaton, Hurst, Lidia, Sunset, and Woodley Fires; and

WHEREAS these fires devastated communities across the Greater Los Angeles Area and collectively burned over 47,900 acres, destroying or damaging more than 16,250 structures, including homes, small businesses, and places of worship, placing this disaster among the most destructive in California history; and

WHEREAS I have issued numerous Executive Orders to provide relief to impacted communities, protect survivors and expedite and aid recovery efforts; and

WHEREAS on January 14, 2025, I issued Executive Order N-7-25 to temporarily prohibit unsolicited offers to purchase property in fire-affected areas for less than the fair market value of the property prior to the emergency in order to protect homeowners, business property owners, and faith leaders from unscrupulous individuals who seek to profit from the disaster; and

WHEREAS on February 4, 2025, I issued Executive Order N-17-25 extending these protections to additional zip codes affected by the fires; and

WHEREAS a short extension of these protections will help ensure the preservation of community and culture in destroyed neighborhoods as rebuilding efforts are underway, but property owners remain uncertain and vulnerable to exploitative and unfair practices by speculators.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM, 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, Government Code sections 8567 and 8627, do hereby issue the following Order to become effective immediately.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the expiration of Paragraph 1 of Executive Order N-7-25 is extended to July 1, 2025, and the prohibitions on unsolicited offers described in that Paragraph, and as expanded to the zip codes identified by Paragraph 15 of Executive Order N-17-25, shall be in effect until that date.

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

This Order is not intended to, and does not, create any rights or benefits, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, against the State of California, its agencies, departments, entities, officers, employees, or any other person.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 14th day of April 2025.

CAVIN NEWSOM Governor of California

ATTEST:

SHIRLEY WEBER, PH.D Secretary of State