

**DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY
FOR THE TOWN OF BERLIN, CONNECTICUT**

WHEREAS, on October 21, 2024, a significant fire started on Lamentation Mountain in Berlin, Connecticut (the "Fire"); and

WHEREAS, the Fire has thus far incinerated in excess of approximately 90 acres of mountain vegetation; and

WHEREAS, the Fire continues to burn and poses a significant public safety risk; and

WHEREAS, in response to the Fire and in an effort to control and extinguish the Fire, as well as protect public safety, emergency responders from the Town of Berlin, surrounding communities throughout the State of Connecticut, and beyond have been working tirelessly since the Fire began and will continue to do so until the Fire is extinguished; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Executive Officer of the Town of Berlin, its Interim Town Manager, and the Mayor of the Town of Berlin, respectively, hereby find that a local civil preparedness emergency and disaster emergency now exists in the Town of Berlin.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Sections 28-8a(a), 28-1(8), and 28-22a, it is hereby declared that a state of local civil preparedness emergency and disaster emergency now exist in the Town of Berlin; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCALIMED AND ORDERED, that during the existence of said emergency, the Chief Executive Officer of the Town of Berlin, its Interim Town Manager, shall assume the powers, functions and duties prescribed and provided by law, including but not limited to Connecticut General Statutes Sections 28-8(a), 28-1(8), and 28-22a, and may take such action as necessary to protect the public health and mitigate this emergency; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED, that this state of emergency shall remain in effect until declared terminated; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that this order shall be available for review and inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Berlin during regular business hours and shall be posted on the Town website.

Dated: 10/24/2024



Chief Executive Officer

W. Lee Palmer, Jr.

Dated: 10/24/2024



Mayor

Mark H. Kaczynski

Attested:


Town Clerk
Town Clerk