EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

A PROCLAMATION
OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS on or before November 19, 2010, in the City of Barstow, in San Bernardino County, the drinking water supply was found to be contaminated with perchlorate and unfit for human consumption, and this situation continues; and

WHEREAS over 40,000 customers are without their normal safe drinking water supply; and

WHEREAS the city and local drinking water company are providing bottled water to the residents; and

WHEREAS numerous businesses including hotels, cafes and restaurants have closed in the area due to the water contamination; and

WHEREAS on November 19, 2010 the City of Barstow declared a local emergency; and

WHEREAS the circumstances of this water contamination and the ensuing drinking water shortage 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 contamination and water shortage in San Bernardino County.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER, 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 Bernardino 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 (Cal EMA) 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 20th Day of November 2010.

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER
Governor of California

ATTEST:

DEBRA BOWEN
Secretary of State