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COUNTY EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION DECLARED

San Bernardino. The Chairman of the Board of Supervisors Gary C. Ovitt proclaimed a local emergency due to the confirmation of a Swine Influenza A (H1N1) case in San Bernardino County.

Out of an abundance of caution, it was determined that the situation warrants this Proclamation due to the potential threat to the health of the public. It provides the authority necessary for the County to fully respond to the outbreak of Swine Flu, and makes available a wide range of statewide resources to San Bernardino County, its cities and towns. The County will also be better able to recoup a portion of any costs related to the disaster proclamation. "The County of San Bernardino will continue to take every step necessary to protect the public from this outbreak," said Board of Supervisors Chairman Gary C. Ovitt.

Jurisdictions proclaim a local emergency when the circumstances are, or are likely to be, beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities of any single county or city, and require the combined forces of a mutual aid region or regions to combat.

The San Bernardino County Department of Public Health is increasing surveillance for this novel influenza strain and will provide more information to the public, as available. "The County's Public Health Department has been on top of this outbreak since Day One, and will continue to work tirelessly to monitor the health of our citizens, provide vital and timely information, and prevent the spread of infection," Chairman Ovitt said. "The public must also do its part by following the guidelines developed by world, national, and local health organizations."

For more details on Swine Influenza A (H1N1) virus infection, call San Bernardino County Department of Public Health at **1-800-782-4264**. You can also access the U. S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at www.cdc.gov/flu/swine or call **1-800-CDC-INFO**. Further information is also available from the California Department of Public Health website at www.cdph.ca.gov or call the 24 hour hotline at **1-888-865-0564**.