



**DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY**

Before the Board of County Commissioners of Mason County, Washington

In the Matter of )  
Declaring a Disaster ) RESOLUTION NO. 144-96

WHEREAS, the Mason County Department of Emergency Services has reported to the Chairman, Board of County Commissioners, beginning 26 December 1996, a mixture of freezing rain, rain and snow, and extremely low temperatures have caused disruption of electrical power to over 14 thousand customers throughout areas of Mason County; and

WHEREAS, extensive damage has occurred due to ice accumulation and downed trees affecting Public Utilities, roads, homes, and businesses; and

WHEREAS, persons and property are and will be damaged unless further efforts are taken to reduce the threat to life and property; and

WHEREAS, there is an emergency present which necessitates activation of the Mason County Emergency Operations Plan and utilization of emergency powers granted pursuant to RCW 38.52 and County Ordinance No. 56-96; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

**SECTION 1**

That it is hereby declared that there is an emergency/disaster due to the conditions in Mason County; therefore, designated departments are authorized to enter into contracts and incur obligations necessary to combat such emergency to protect the health and safety of persons and property, and provide emergency assistance to the victims of such disaster.

**SECTION 2**

Each designated department is authorized to exercise the powers vested under Section 1 of this resolution in the light of the demands of an extreme emergency situation without regard to time consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law (excepting mandatory constitutional requirements).

DATED this 30<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1996.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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ATTEST:

Marian L. Zoran for  
Clerk of the Board  
Rebecca S. Rogers