

**Resolution No. 137-08
DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY**

Before the Board of County Commissioners of Mason County, Washington

In the Matter of Declaring a Disaster

WHEREAS, the Mason County Department of Emergency Management has reported to the Chair, Board of Mason County Commissioners, beginning December 18, 2008, effects of December winter storms have caused a disaster by creating and or threatening extensive damages in parts of Mason County; and

~~WHEREAS, Mason County government functions are temporarily relocated to the Mason County Operations Center during a declared emergency; and~~

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WHEREAS, the facilities and staff at the Mason County Operations Center maintain all critical county government functions during the aftermath of a disaster; and

WHEREAS, extensive damage has occurred and/or is still occurring to county infrastructure, including roads and bridges, private roads, homes, businesses and farm lands; 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 Comprehensive Emergency 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 Mason 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 18th day of December , 2008.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Tim Sheldon

Tim Sheldon, Chair

Lynda Ring Erickson

Lynda Ring Erickson, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rebecca S Rogers

Rebecca S. Rogers, Clerk of the Board

Absent

Ross Gallagher, Commissioner