



DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Before the Board of County Commissioners of Mason County, Washington

In the Matter of)
Declaring a Disaster) RESOLUTION NO. 22-97

WHEREAS, the Mason County Department of Emergency Services has reported to the Chairman, Board of County Commissioners, that beginning 17 March 1997, unusually heavy, warm rains and melting snow pack have caused rivers, lakes, and streams to rise throughout Mason County; and

WHEREAS, extensive damage has occurred and is still occurring due to flooding and mudslides affecting Public Utilities, 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 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 19th day of March, 1997.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Absent 3/19/97

Chairperson

Commissioner

Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board

Rebecca S. Rogers

John Bolenz
Cynthia