## **DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY**

Before the Board of C	County Commissioners of Mason County	y, Washington
In the Matter of	)	
Declaring a Disaster	) RESOLUTION NO. 22-01	

WHEREAS, the Mason County Department of Emergency Management has reported to the Chairman, Board of County Commissioners, that beginning Wednesday, February 28, 2001, effects of an earthquake have caused a disaster by creating extensive damages in parts of Mason County; and

WHEREAS, Mason County government functions were temporarily relocated to the Mason County Emergency Operations Center; and

WHEREAS, the facilities and staff at the Mason County Emergency Operations Center maintained all critical county government functions during the aftermath of the earthquake event; and

WHEREAS, extensive damage has occurred and is still occurring to county infrastructure, including buildings, roads and bridges; 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 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 1st day of March, 2001.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Absent

Mary Jo Cady, Chairperson

Herb Baze, Commissioner

Wesley E. Johnson, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rebecca S. Rogers Clerk of the Board