

KITTITAS COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

AGENDA STAFF REPORT

AGENDA DATE: November 4, 2014

ACTION REQUESTED: Approve and sign a Proclamation designating November 2014 as Flood Awareness Month

BACKGROUND: It is important for Kittitas County residents to be prepared for flooding this season. Public education and awareness of what can be done to prepare for flooding is a helpful and necessary step in the effort to lessen public and private property damage and loss of life due to flooding.

INTERACTION: Public Works

RECOMMENDATION: Approve and sign the Proclamation designating November 2014 as "Flood Awareness Month".

HANDLING: Return one original copy to Public Works

ATTACHMENTS: Proclamation

LEAD STAFF: Kirk Holmes
Director of Public Works



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, major flooding conditions can cause significant damage to public and private property, disruption of public services and loss of human life; and Kittitas County has been declared a federal disaster area nine times since 1964 because of flooding; and

WHEREAS, the total damages to public and private property from these disasters is in excess of \$50,000,000; and

WHEREAS, we can reduce risk and help make our communities more damage resistant by providing information to residents and property owners about actions they can take to prepare for floods; and

WHEREAS, the key to understanding the dangers of flooding is through education and awareness;

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Kittitas County Board of County Commissioners do hereby proclaim the month of November, 2014 as

FLOOD AWARENESS MONTH

We encourage all residents living, working or traveling through flood-prone areas to join us in developing a flood preparedness plan for themselves and their families.

DATED this 4th day of November, 2014.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**



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