

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF KITTITAS
STATE OF WASHINGTON**

RESOLUTION

NO.: 2012-09~~1~~¹⁹

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

- WHEREAS: On August 13, 2012 at 2:30 p.m. the Kittitas County Sheriff's Office notified the Chairman of the Kittitas County Board of Commissioners that various fires had been ignited which were threatening areas throughout the County and that a declaration of emergency should be made by the Board of County Commissioners to assist efforts to cope with the emergency, and
- WHEREAS: An emergency Special Meeting was called on August 13, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. to hear reports from the Kittitas County Sheriff's office and the Kittitas County Fire Marshal;
- WHEREAS: The Kittitas County Board of Commissioners determined that local resources were overwhelmed and a high state of danger to the lives and property of residents of Kittitas County existed, and
- WHEREAS: The Kittitas County Board of Commissioners determined that additional damage or injury would take place unless further efforts are taken, and
- WHEREAS: The Kittitas County Board of Commissioners determined there was an emergency present which necessitates activation of the emergency plan and utilization of emergency powers granted pursuant to RCW 38.52 and RCW 36.40.180 and Kittitas County Code, be it therefore
- RESOLVED: That it is hereby declared that there is an emergency due to the fires in Kittitas County and that the Sheriff's office, Commissioners office, Public Works Department, Community Development Services, Event Center/Fair, Fire Marshal, Human Resources, Treasurer, Auditor and the Public Health Department 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 to provide emergency assistance to the victims of disaster, and be it further
- RESOLVED: Each designate 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

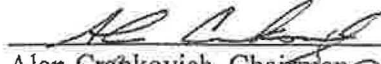
and formalities prescribed by law, except mandatory constitutional requirements and, be it further


RESOLVED: The following additional actions are authorized/directed by the Sheriff and other personnel and designated:

1. Activation of the Emergency Operation Center;
2. Communication of the emergency state to appropriate State and Federal Agencies;
3. Records of overtime and other resource expended are to be kept and turned over to the County Auditor at the conclusion of the emergency;
4. A Resolution be prepared for ratification at the Board of County Commissioner's regular Agenda Session on August 21, 2012.

DATED this 13th day of August, 2012 at Ellensburg, Washington.

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


Alan Cranekovich, Chairman


Obie O'Brien, Vice-Chairman


Paul Jewell, Commissioner



CLERK OF THE BOARD


Julie A. Kjorsvik