

RESOLUTION 2009 - 136

**DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY
H1N1 (SWINE FLU) PANDEMIC**

WHEREAS, on this 12th day of October, 2009, H1N1 (Swine Flu) Pandemic has been impacting Kittitas County which has the potential to adversely affect the health of all people in Kittitas County; and

WHEREAS, the Administrator of Kittitas County Public Health Department has reported to the Kittitas County Board of Commissioners that beginning August 31st, 2009, a life-threatening infectious disease was identified; and

WHEREAS, this disease can result in serious impacts to the health and wellbeing of the public and may overwhelm the health and medical system in Kittitas County; and

WHEREAS, under the above referenced conditions there is substantial likelihood of risk to the citizens of Kittitas County and the cities therein unless further efforts are taken to reduce the threat; and

WHEREAS, set of circumstances now existing demands immediate action to preserve public health; and

WHEREAS, the ability for EMT – IV Techs, EMT – Intermediates, and Paramedics to provide the H1N1 (Swine Flu) vaccine to people in Kittitas County is dependent on the ability of the County Health Officer and the County Emergency Medical Services, Medical Program Director to adjust scope of practice which authorization is allowed when an emergency is officially declared; and

WHEREAS, the conditions stated above constitute an emergency/disaster for the County, necessitating activation of the Kittitas County Emergency Management Plan and the utilization of emergency powers granted pursuant to RCW 36.40.180, 38.52.070(2), and 38.52.110(1).

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Kittitas County, Washington does resolve as follows:

Section 1. There is hereby declared an emergency, as defined in the Kittitas County Emergency Management Plan (PLAN), due to the imminent spread of H1N1 (Swine Flu) Pandemic in Kittitas County.

Section 2. Pursuant to the emergency declared at Section 1, County departments and offices, as designated pursuant to the PLAN, are authorized to enter into contracts and incur obligations necessary to combat such emergency to protect the health and safety of the citizens of the County, and provide emergency assistance to the victims of such emergency, consistent with the PLAN, not to exceed \$10,000.00

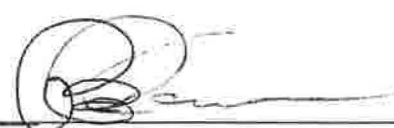
Section 3. The declaration of a local emergency set forth at Section 1 shall terminate at midnight (first Wednesday following the 90th day after the date this resolution is adopted unless extended by the Board of County Commissioners.

Dated this 13th day of October, 2009.

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



Commissioner Alan Crankovich, Chairman
ABSENT

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Commissioner Paul Jewell





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Director of Emergency Services