

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

RESOLUTION

NO.: 2013-096

**DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY
“COLOCKUM TARPS”**

- WHEREAS: On July 30, 2013 at 12:00 p.m. the Kittitas County Sheriff’s Office notified 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 July 30, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. to hear reports from the Kittitas County Sheriff’s office;
- WHEREAS: The Chelan County fire “Colockum Tarps” is at approximately 46,995 acres and has been spreading into the eastern section of Kittitas County for the past 2 days, described as “extremely active” and rapidly evolving and continuing to move in a southerly direction as well as upslope in a westerly direction;
- WHEREAS: The Sheriff, the Emergency Management Director, and the Emergency Operations Center activated at a response Level 1 on Monday July 28, 2013, and being managed by a Type 2 IMT through State Mobilization;
- WHEREAS: Road closures have been established and enforced, Level 1, 2 and 3 evacuation zones have been established and the Incident Management System has been implemented;
- WHEREAS: Effective July 30, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. the EOC has moved to a response Level 2;
- 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,
- NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That it is hereby declared there is an emergency due to the fires in Kittitas County and that the Sheriff’s office, Commissioners office, Public Works Department, Planning Department, Event Center/Fair, Building

Department, 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 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, 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 resources expended are to be kept and turned over to the County Auditor at the conclusion of the emergency;
4. A Resolution will be prepared for ratification at the Board of County Commissioner's regular Agenda Session on August 6, 2013.

DATED this 30th day of July, 2013 at Ellensburg, Washington.

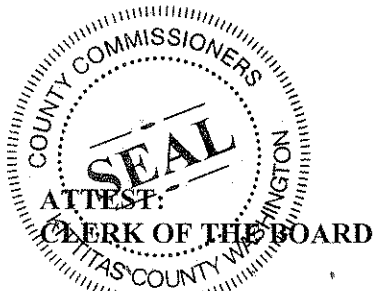
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ABSENT

Obie O'Brien, Chairman

Paul Jewell, Vice-Chairman

Gary Berndt, Commissioner



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