

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

RESOLUTION

NO.: 2012-116

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY - LIBERTY AREA FIRE

WHEREAS: On September 15, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. the Kittitas County Sheriff's Office Emergency Management Director activated Emergency Operations Center, and

WHEREAS: Kittitas County Sheriff's office is effecting evacuation levels, to include level 3 evacuations, in the Liberty and Table Mountain area, and

WHEREAS: At 10:30 a.m. the Kittitas County Sheriff's Office notified the Chairman of the Kittitas County Board of Commissioners that fires in the Table Mountain and Liberty area had rapidly changed overnight and has been expanding and threatening primary residential areas 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 at 11:00 a.m. on September 15, 2012 at the Emergency Operation Center to hear reports from the Kittitas County Sheriff's office indicating the need for additional resources to assist with fire management, public safety, structure protection, in accordance with Kittitas County Comprehensive Emergency Plan at the request of the Emergency Management Director, and

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 September 18, 2012.

DATED this 15th day of September, 2012 at Ellensburg, Washington.

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

Absent

Alan Crankovich, Chairman

Obie O'Brien

Obie O'Brien, Vice-Chairman

Paul Jewell

Paul Jewell, Commissioner

**ATTEST:
CLERK OF THE BOARD**

Julie A. Kjorsvik

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