WHEREAS, Cowlitz County (hereinafter County), with the assistance from Cowlitz County Department of Emergency Management, has gathered information and prepared the entity Hazard Mitigation Plan update; and

WHEREAS, County Hazard Mitigation Plan update has been prepared in accordance with FEMA requirements at 44 C.R.R. 201; and

WHEREAS, in the course of drafting the Hazard Mitigation Plan update, County reviewed its stated goals, policies and objectives adopted in the Comprehensive Plan, the Water and Wastewater Emergency Plan and other relevant and appropriate plans, regulations and development standards when conducting the planning process for this effort; and

WHEREAS, County participated in a public outreach effort that has afforded the citizens an opportunity to comment and provide input in the Plan and the actions in the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Plan identifies potential natural hazards within county limits and Cowlitz County, assesses the risk to life and property associated with the potential natural hazards, includes an action plan for reducing risks that requires integration into other planning mechanisms; and

WHEREAS, on August 16, 2013, FEMA provided a letter stating its pre-adooption review found the Plan successfully contains the required criteria for hazard mitigation plans, subject to receiving documentation of local adoption; and

WHEREAS, upon adoption of this resolution, the County remains eligible for funding under FEMA’s Unified Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grant Programs; and

WHEREAS, County has reviewed the Plan and affirms that the Plan will be updated no less than every five years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by its Commissioners that Cowlitz County adopts the Cowlitz County Hazard Mitigation Plan, as this jurisdiction’s Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, and Cowlitz County resolves to execute the actions in the Plan.

Adopted this 5th day of November, 2013.

Attest:

Vickie M. Musgrove, Clerk of the Board

Board of County Commissioners
Of Cowlitz County, Washington

Michael A. Karnofski, Chairman

James R. Misner, Commissioner

Dennis P. Weber, Commissioner