WHATCOM COUNTY PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Whatcom County Sheriff's Office Division of Emergency Management has reported to the Whatcom County Executive, beginning 02/02/2017, that Winter Storms are occurring throughout Whatcom County, with heavy snow, extended arctic winds, and extended power outages, have caused and continue to cause public and private sector damage, and,

WHEREAS, this incident is a threat to life and property, and demands immediate action, and,

WHEREAS, persons and property will be damaged unless further efforts are taken to reduce the threat to life, and

WHEREAS, this constitutes an emergency as defined by the Whatcom County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and necessitates the utilization of powers granted pursuant to the Whatcom County Charter and RCW 38.52.070(2); therefore,

BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE WHATCOM COUNTY EXECUTIVE that an emergency exists in Whatcom County; therefore, Whatcom County departments are authorized to do the following:

- (1) Enter into contracts and incur obligations necessary to combat such emergency situations to protect the health and safety of persons; and,
- (2) Provide appropriate emergency assistance to the victims of such disaster; and,
- Other actions, as deemed appropriate by the Director of Emergency Management or his designee.

Each Whatcom County department is authorized to exercise the powers vested under this proclamation in the light of the exigencies of an extreme emergency situation without regard to time-consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law (excepting mandatory constitutional requirements). This Proclamation shall remain in effect until the issuance of a Termination Proclamation by the Whatcom County Executive.

Dated this 7th day of February 2017.

Jack Louws, Whatcom County Executive

Recommended by:

Approved as to Form:

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

Sheriff Bill Elfo

DMF

Director of Emergency Management

WHATCOM COUNTY REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

WHEREAS, the severity and magnitude of this disaster is beyond the capability of local resources:

WHEREAS, Whatcom County needs supplemental assistance in the following areas:

- (1) Public Assistance for damages to infrastructure;
- (2) Other appropriate state and/or federal resources.

THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Whatcom County Executive does hereby declare Whatcom County a Disaster Area and requests the Honorable Governor of the State of Washington to grant or seek to obtain such assistance as herein requested.

Dated this 7th day of February 2017.

Recommended by:

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Sheriff Bill Elfo

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Director of Emergency Management

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Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

Jack Louws, Whatcom County Executive

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The Emergency Proclamation template has been approved as to form and is on file in the Whatcom County Division of Emergency Management office.