

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF
MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

RE: **LOCAL DECLARATION)**
 OF MASON COUNTY)
 AS A DISASTER AREA)

RESOLUTION # 2020-32

WHEREAS, for the last 72 days (starting January 27, 2020) there has been COVID-19 pandemic culminating on April 7, 2020, in a disaster by creating multiple confirmed positive cases in parts of Mason County; and,

WHEREAS, this COVID-19 pandemic has caused local resources to be exhausted or about to be exhausted, said resources are still depleted; and,

WHEREAS, there is a present emergency which necessitates activation of the Mason County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP), Public Health Emergency Activation Functional Plan, and utilization of emergency powers granted pursuant to RCS 36.40.180 and RCW 38.52.070(2); and

WHEREAS, a viral pandemic has and still is occurring to all residents and staff of Mason County resulting in the need for assistance to impacted citizens to quarantine and/or medically isolate with a focus of providing assistance for medical surges resulting in the need for emergency sheltering, funding, staffing and relaxed time frames throughout the county; and,

WHEREAS, this disaster has caused and will cause an undetermined amount of financial, emotional and long lasting impacts to citizens, businesses and public entities in Mason County, and,

WHEREAS, severity and magnitude of this disaster / pandemic is beyond the capability of local resources;

NOW, THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED

SECTION 1. It is hereby declared by the Board of Mason County Commissioners that, in accordance with the terms and conditions of RCW 36.40.180, there is an emergency due to the above stated conditions in Mason County; therefore, designated departments are authorized to enter into contracts and incur obligations necessary to combat such disaster, protecting the health and safety of persons and property, and providing emergency assistance to the victims of such disaster; and,

SECTION 2. Each designated department is authorized, in accordance with the terms and conditions of RCW 38.52.070(2), to exercise the powers vested under Section 1 of this resolution 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), including but not limited to:

- budget law limitations
- requirements of competitive bidding and publication of notices
- provisions pertaining to the performance of public work
- entering into contracts
- the incurring of obligations
- the employment of temporary workers
- the rental of equipment
- the purchase of supplies and materials
- the appropriation and expenditures of public funds

SECTION 3. Notwithstanding the authorizations set forth in Section 1 of this resolution, designated departments shall endeavor to secure the most competitive price available for goods and services.

SECTION 4. Such authorization shall include unannounced entry and access onto and about private property, where such entry and access shall not violate those constitutional privacy and property rights under an emergency declaration.

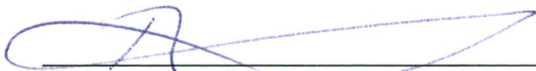
SECTION 5. The emergency authority granted under this resolution shall expire ninety (90) days from the date of the adoption of this declaration unless specifically extended by the Board.

SECTION 6. The Board of County Commissioners of Mason County declare Mason County a disaster area and request the Honorable Governor of the State of Washington to issue a similar declaration and render all required and available assistance vital to the security, well-being and health of the citizens of the State of Washington.

SIGNED IN REGULAR
 SPECIAL
 EMERGENCY

SESSION THIS 7th DAY OF April, 2020

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Michael Dorcy, Prosecuting Attorney



 Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor
 Tim Whitehead

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MASON COUNTY WASHINGTON**

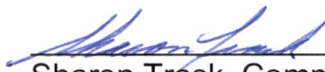


 Randy Neatherlin, Commissioner

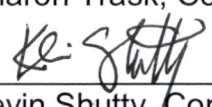
ATTEST:



 Clerk of the Board



 Sharon Trask, Commissioner



 Kevin Shutty, Commissioner