

**OKANOGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS'**

**RESOLUTION 118 - 2020**

*A resolution declaring a state of emergency in Okanogan County*

**WHEREAS:** on Sunday, September 6, 2020 Okanogan County experienced several fires in the South and Southeastern portions of the county; and

**WHEREAS:** local government has the responsibility to protect the public health, safety and welfare, and to mitigate the effects of such events; and

**WHEREAS:** this situation creates a considerable hardship for the citizens of Okanogan County; and

**WHEREAS:** there is a present emergency which necessitates utilization of emergency powers granted pursuant to RCW 36.40.180 and RCW 38.52.070; and

**WHEREAS:** the Board of County Commissioners wish to open the Fairgrounds to evacuees with animals and provide a sheltering area for those affected; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the Board of Okanogan County Commissioners declare a state of emergency due to fires burning in the County.

**DATED** at Okanogan, Washington this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September 2020.



**ATTEST:**

Laleña Johns, CMC  
Clerk of the Board

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OKANOGAN, WASHINGTON**

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**OKANOGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS'**

**RESOLUTION 119 -2020**

*A resolution allowing office closures and administrative leave during fire emergency*

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners declared a state of emergency via resolution 118-2020 due to the current fires burning throughout Okanogan County; and

**WHEREAS**, infrastructure including internet, phone lines, and intermittent loss of power has been affected leaving some offices unable to adequately function to provide services to the public; and

**WHEREAS**, many members of the community have suffered great losses and evacuations continue throughout the County; and

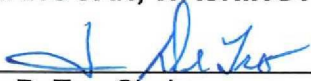
**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners want to ensure the safety of our citizens and employees.


**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Okanogan County Commissioners that effective during the current fire emergency time period, elected officials and department heads may choose to close their offices at their discretion if they cannot provide adequate services to the public.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that elected officials and department heads may allow paid administrative leave for those employees who cannot perform their duties only during this current fire emergency.

**DATED** at Okanogan, Washington this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020.

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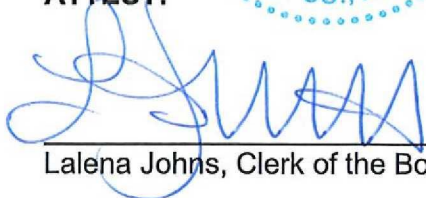
  
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