

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

**RESOLUTION**

NO. 2017- 143

**DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY – JOLLY MOUNTAIN FIRE**

**WHEREAS:** On August, 29, 2017, the Kittitas County Sheriff's Office in charge of Emergency Services, has reported to the Board of County Commissioners, that on August 12, 2017, the Kittitas County Sheriff's Office was notified of a fire started by a lightning strike near Jolly Mountain in Kittitas County, and

**WHEREAS:** Due to the complexity of the fire and the fire's location a Type II Incident Management Team was called in to manage the fire;

**WHEREAS:** On August 23, 2017, due to the fires progression heading towards residential structures approximately 70 house in the Salmon La Sac HOA, Paris Creek HOA and Boulder Creek HOA off of Forest Service Road 4330, were served Level II evacuation notices; and

**WHEREAS:** On August 24, 2017, due to the fires progression heading towards residential structures approximately 60 house in the Morgan Creek are off of Salmon La Sac Road were served Level II evacuation notices; and

**WHEREAS:** On August 25, 2017, due to the fires progression heading towards residential structures approximately 272 house in Driftwood Acres, Wadsworth Loop area off of Salmon La Sac Road were served Level II evacuation notices; and

**WHEREAS:** On August 27, 2017, due to the fires progression heading south towards the Middle Fork of the Teanaway, the West Teanaway Rd. residences were given a Level III evacuation notice this area includes Dingbat Rd; and

**WHEREAS:** On August 28, 2017, due to the fires progression towards the residences off of and adjacent to the Middle Fork Teanaway Rd, approximately 109 residences were served with Level II evacuation notices; and

**WHEREAS:** Due to the imminent overwhelming need for assistance the Kittitas County Emergency Operations Center was active at 0900hrs on August 29, 2017; and,

**WHEREAS:** Due to the fire's location, the geographic expanse, residences on three sides of the fire, and the potential threat to people's lives, on August 29, 2017, the Kittitas County Sheriff's Office has evaluated the situation of the progression of the fire and believes that there will be an imminent threat to people, homes and structures which will inevitably lead to the ordering of a Level 3 evacuation notice to the residences adjacent to Salmon La Sac Road and extending to the residences adjacent to Forest Service 4330; and,

**WHEREAS:** The Director of Emergency Management, Sheriff Gene Dana is recommending that the Board of County Commissioners declare a state of emergency to assist in managing the impacts of the Jolly Mountain Fire; and

**WHEREAS:** This fire is described as active and is threatening highly populated areas in the Salmon La Sac area and the Teanaway area in Kittitas County; and,

**WHEREAS:** The Kittitas County Board of Commissioners have determined that the local resources will be rapidly overwhelmed and a high state of danger to the lives and property of residents of Kittitas County exists, and

**WHEREAS:** The Kittitas County Board of Commissioners determined that additional damage or injury would take place unless further efforts are taken,

**WHEREAS:** The Kittitas County Board of Commissioners has determined there is an emergency present which necessitates declaring a state of emergency, resulting in the activation of the emergency plans and utilization of emergency powers granted pursuant to RCW 38.52 and 36.40.180– Emergencies caused by fires or for the relief of a stricken community overtaken by a calamity, and RCW 36.32.270 and RCW 39.04.280, which allow for competitive bids to be waived in the event of the emergency, and Kittitas County Code,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That it is hereby declared that there is an emergency due to the Jolly Mountain Fire in Kittitas County and that the Sheriff's Office, Commissioner's 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.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED;**

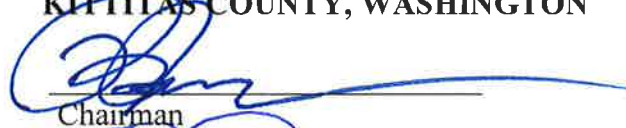
The following additional actions are authorized/directed by the Sheriff and other personnel and designated:

1. Activation of the Emergency Operation Center;
2. Communication of the emergent state to appropriate State and Federal Agencies;

3. Records of overtime and other resources expended are to be kept and turned over to the County Auditor at the conclusion of the emergency;

ADOPTED this 29<sup>th</sup> day of August 2017

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

  
Chairman

  
Vice-Chairman

  
Commissioner

Approved as to form:

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Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

