



King County

LOCAL PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY KING COUNTY

WHEREAS, the King County Office of Emergency Management has reported to the King County Executive that severe flooding and landslides have impacted the King County region since January 7, 2009, causing significant damage to King County government departments and infrastructure as well as cities, special purpose districts and infrastructures; and

WHEREAS, persons and property are threatened with injury and damage unless further efforts are taken to reduce the threat to life and property; and

WHEREAS, this disaster is causing an undesignated amount of damage; and

WHEREAS, the severity and magnitude of this disaster is beyond the response and recovery capability of local resources; and

WHEREAS, there is an emergency present which necessitates activation of the King County Emergency Management Plan and utilization of emergency powers granted pursuant to RCW Chapter 38.52. and K.C.C. Chapter 12.52; and

WHEREAS, the emergency may require emergency purchases by King County and the waiver of public procurement processes as described under K.C.C. Chapter 4.16.050, therefore

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE KING COUNTY EXECUTIVE,
RON SIMS**

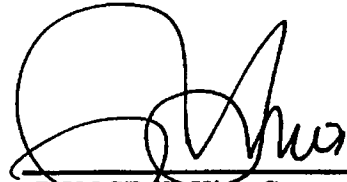
SECTION 1

That it is hereby declared that there is an emergency due to severe flooding and other secondary hazards affecting King County; therefore designated departments of King County are authorized to enter into contracts and incur obligations necessary to combat such emergency to protect and provide emergency assistance to victims of such emergency.

SECTION 2

Each designated department is authorized to exercise the powers vested under Section 1 of this Resolution in light of the exigencies of an emergency situation without regard to time consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law (excepting mandatory constitutional requirements).

DATED this 8th day of January, 2009

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ron Sims', written over a horizontal line.

**RON SIMS, King County Executive
State of Washington**