RESOLUTION NO. <u>202</u>4 - 031 MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON DECLARATION OF DISASTER FOR THE AREA SERVED BY MASON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 12

WHEREAS, Mason County Fire Protection District 12, a Special Purpose District created by the Washington State Government, is incapable of meeting the fundamental requirement to protect the lives of citizens in Mason County Fire Protection District 12 as of 12:01 A.M. May 17, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Mason County Commission recognizes the imminent threat to life and property a non-functioning fire district poses to the community it is expected to serve and declares a state of disaster for the area served by Mason County Fire Protection District 12, Washington; and

WHEREAS, extraordinary measures must be taken to ensure that citizens are protected in the area served by Mason County Fire Protection 12; and

WHEREAS, declaring a state of disaster for the area served by the Mason County Fire Protection District 12 will facilitate and expedite the procurement, use, and deployment of resources to enhance preparedness, response, and public safety from Washington State.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MASON COUNTY COMMISSION:

- A state of disaster is declared for the area served by Mason County Fire Protection District 12 as defined under RCW 38.52.010 13(a).
- In compliance with the National Incident Management System, activates its Area Command, establishes a Public Safety Incident Command, and appoints the highest public safety professional in Mason County, the Sheriff, as the Incident Commander in compliance with the Mason County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan.
- 3. The Incident Commander is tasked with ensuring Washington State provides emergency services to the area served by the Mason County Fire District 12 as soon as possible. This declaration will remain in effect until the area served by Mason County Fire Protection District 12 is provided the level of emergency services required.
- 4. Mason County has no funding to provide emergency services and is assuming no responsibility, financial or otherwise, to provide emergency services to the area served by Mason County Fire Protection District 12 and is requesting Washington State provide these services.
- 5. This declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

ORDERED this 17th day of May, 2024.

Declaration of Disaster - Mason County Fire District 12

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

McKengie Smith

McKenzie Smith, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Tim Whitehead, Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

Kevin Shutty, Vice-Chair

Randy Neatherlin, Chair

Sharon Trask, Commissioner