RESOLUTION NO. 2024-03 DECLARING A LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO WINTER STORM

WHEREAS, the Skamania County Director of Emergency Management has reported to the Board of County Commissioners that beginning January 12th, 2024, Severe Winter Storm Conditions are having significant impacts throughout Skamania County; and

WHEREAS, expected accumulations of snow and ice have many roads impassable including State Hwy 14 and I-84, which are closed to all traffic; and

WHEREAS, under the above referenced conditions there is substantial likelihood of risk to persons, property, and the environment unless further efforts are taken to reduce the threat; and

WHEREAS, the conditions stated above constitute an emergency/disaster for all areas of the County, necessitating activation of the Skamania County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and the utilization of emergency powers granted pursuant to RCW 36.40.180, 38.52.070(2), and 38.52.110(1);

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Skamania County, Washington, do resolve as follows:

Section 1. There is hereby declared an emergency, as defined in the Skamania County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP), due to the ongoing threat of Extreme Winter Storm impacts on Skamania County.

Section 2. Pursuant to the emergency declared in Section 1, County departments and offices, as designated pursuant to the CEMP, are authorized to enter into contract and incur obligations necessary to combat such emergency with approval of the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners to protect the health and safety of persons, property, and the environment, and provide emergency assistance to the victims of such emergency, consistent with the CEMP.

Section 4. The declaration of a local emergency set forth in Section 1 shall terminate by the issuance of a subsequent rescinding Resolution which shall follow when the Board determines that the extraordinary measures contained herein are no longer required for the protection of the public peace, safety, and welfare.

APPROVED this 18th day of January, 2024.

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