



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, major flooding conditions can cause significant damage to public and private property, disruption of public services and loss of human life; and King County has experienced 11 federally declared flood disasters in the last 18 years; and

WHEREAS, the King County Flood Control District was created in 2007 to bring a comprehensive approach to flood management and to provide funding for the county's plan to improve flood protection facilities; and

WHEREAS, the King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks Water and Land Resources Division, through a contract with the District, carries out flood hazard management programs; and

WHEREAS, the King County Flood Control District funded 25 important levee-repair projects in 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Green River Valley, including its 26,000 residents and more than 3,000 businesses, faces an increased risk of flooding because of reduced flood-storage capacity at a dam upstream; and

WHEREAS, King County has a nationally recognized floodplain management program that has helped reduce flood damages and the cost of flood insurance policies for its residents; and

WHEREAS, the King County Flood Control District secured grants and disaster funds for repairs and upgrades to public facilities and assisting private property owners to elevate flood-prone structures; and

WHEREAS, King County has flood warning and emergency response capabilities for flood and emergency information when flooding occurs so that residents, businesses, property owners and emergency response officials can make critical health and safety decisions before, during and after flood events; and

WHEREAS, each fall, the King County Flood Control District prepares for flooding conditions from heavy rains and snowmelt that could increase risk to human lives and damage to public and private property through flood awareness meetings and flood warning training programs; and

WHEREAS, we can reduce risk and help make our communities more damage resistant by providing information to residents and property owners about actions they can take to prepare for floods;

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, Kurt Triplett, Executive of Martin Luther King, Jr. County, Dow Constantine, Chair of the King County Council, and Julia Patterson, Chair of the King County Flood Control District Board, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2009, as

FLOOD AWARENESS MONTH

in this great county. We encourage all residents living, working or traveling through flood-prone areas to join us in developing a flood preparedness plan for themselves and their families.

DATED this first day of October, 2009.



Kurt Triplett, King County Executive



Dow Constantine, King County Council Chair



Julia Patterson, King County Flood Control District Board Chair