



King County

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

WHEREAS, King County is commemorating its 50th year of providing emergency flood warning services to the citizens, business owners and other local governments; and

WHEREAS, King County has flood warning and emergency response capabilities 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, the King County Flood Control District has secured grants for repairs and upgrades to public facilities and to assist property owners in elevating flood-prone structures.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, Dow Constantine, King County Executive, and Julia Patterson, King County Flood Control District Board Chair, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2010, as

Flood Awareness Month

in King 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.

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Chair, King County Flood Control District

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