KING COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT

King County

Recognition

WHEREAS, major flooding conditions can cause loss of human life and significant damage to public and private property, disruption of public services; and

WHEREAS, Martin Luther King, Jr. County (King County) has experienced 10 federally declared flood disasters in the last 18 years, with more than $30 million in new damage during record flooding in 2006; 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 aging and inadequate flood protection facilities; and

WHEREAS, the King County Flood Control District funded and guided completion of two dozen important repair projects along degraded and flood-damaged levees in 2008; and

WHEREAS, the King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks Water and Land Resources Division, through a contract with the King County Flood Control District is responsible for carrying out flood hazard management programs; 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, King County Flood Control District funding has improved King County's ability to reduce the risk of property damage from flooding and to respond to flood disasters by securing grants and disaster funds to make repairs and upgrades to important public facilities and assisting private property owners to elevate or remove flood-prone structures; and

WHEREAS, King County, with funding from the King County Flood Control District, has a state-of the-art flood warning and emergency response capability that provides critical flood and emergency information each time King County experiences major flooding 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 annual King County preparations for flooding conditions from heavy rains and snow melt that could increase risk to human lives and damage to public and private property through flood awareness meetings and flood warning training programs are now enhanced through King County Flood Control District funding; 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, Julia Patterson, King County Flood Control District Board Chair and Ron Sims, Executive of Martin Luther King, Jr. County, do hereby recognize the month of October 2008, 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.

Julia Patterson
King County Flood Control District Chair

Ron Sims
King County Executive