



**King County**

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# PROCLAMATION

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**WHEREAS**, King County has six major river systems and some 50,000 acres of river floodplain with more than 20,000 properties; and

**WHEREAS**, King County has experienced 12 federally declared flood disasters since 1990, and major flooding conditions can cause significant damage to public and private property, disruption of public services, and loss of human life; and

**WHEREAS**, the King County Flood Control District was created in 2007 to fund improved flood protection for the County's more than 2 million residents, with the goals of preventing damage to public and private property, disruption of public services, and loss of human life; and

**WHEREAS**, King County's top-rated floodplain management program has helped reduce flood damage and the cost of flood insurance policies for residents; and

**WHEREAS**, King County has a wide array of 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 funding to build, repair, and upgrade flood protection facilities and to make grants to assist property owners in elevating flood-prone structures;

**NOW, THEREFORE, WE**, Reagan Dunn, King County Flood Control District Board Chair, and Dow Constantine, King County Executive, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2016, to be

## **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.

Reagan Dunn  
King County Flood Control District Chair

Dow Constantine  
King County Executive