



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 12 federally declared flood disasters since 1990; and

WHEREAS, the King County Flood Control District was created in 2007 to bring a comprehensive approach to flood management and to provide funding to improve flood protection for the County's more than 2 million residents; 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 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; and

WHEREAS, while river flooding can occur at any time of the year, most floods occur during the fall and winter months.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, Dow Constantine, King County Executive, and Reagan Dunn, King County Flood Control District Board Chair, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2015, 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
Chair, King County Flood Control District

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King County Executive