

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of the Declaration of a
State of Emergency due to Severe
and Unusual Winter Weather

RESOLUTION NO. 3 - 04

WHEREAS commencing on December 28, 2003, Columbia County experienced a period of severe and unusual winter weather, including unusually heavy snowfall beginning December 29, 2003, freezing rain, and an icestorm, resulting in power outages, road closures, fallen trees, cancellation of public and private events, disruption of mail and garbage service, isolation of residents in rural areas, and bare shelves in local stores; and

WHEREAS, the cities, county, public utilities, police, fire and emergency management agencies, and other public and private agencies felt the effects of stretched resources, incurring overtime costs and other unusual expenses in dealing with the effects of the storms and lingering cold weather; and

WHEREAS, the effects of this unusual and severe weather have exhausted local resources available to deal with, have required a coordinated response beyond that which occurs routinely, and are beyond that which can be addressed by mutual aid agreements and cooperative assistance agreements which have been entered into to respond to events such as this; and

WHEREAS, it appears that the extent of damages and assistance needed may be beyond the capabilities of Columbia County, its cities, special districts, and utilities to provide the needed response and assistance;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED and DECLARED that, effective December 29, 2003, a state of local emergency exists throughout Columbia County, as defined by ORS 401.025(4), due to severe and continuing cold weather, and due to damages sustained and costs incurred as a result of the winter storm commencing; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners for Columbia County may request assistance to respond to the state of emergency, such request to be detailed in a separate letter to the Governor of the State of Oregon.

DATED this 14th day of January, 2004.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: [Signature]
Chair

By: _____
Commissioner

By: [Signature]
Commissioner

Approved as to form

By: [Signature]
Office of County Counsel

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