

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of the Declaration of a)
State of Emergency due to Severe)
Weather Events)

RESOLUTION No. 103-2006

WHEREAS, the States of Oregon and Washington have experienced a period of severe weather since December 14, 2006 and the weather forecast is for potential sub-freezing temperatures and a continued severe weather pattern; and

WHEREAS, due to severe weather, there has been road and water damage, fallen trees, and loss of power service to a large portion of the County; and

WHEREAS, the cities, county, public utilities, police, fire and emergency management agencies, and other public and private agencies are likely to suffer from the stretched resources, overtime costs and unusual expenses in responding to the effects of the wind storm and severe weather; and

WHEREAS, the effects of this severe wind storm and weather have exhausted local resources available to deal with, and 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, the extent of damages and assistance needed is beyond the capability 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 15, 2006, a state of local emergency exists throughout Columbia County, as defined by ORS 401.025(4), due to severe windstorm, power outages, trees downed, roads closed, and damage sustained and costs incurred as a result thereof; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners for Columbia County shall 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 15th day of December, 2006.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY

By: Joe Considine
Chair

By: John M. Bernhard
Commissioner

By: Not Present
Commissioner

Approved as to form

By: John M. Bernhard

Office of County Counsel