

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. 5 - 2006

WHEREAS, the States of Oregon and Washington have experienced a period of severe winter weather since prior to Christmas 2005 and the weather forecast is for continued Pacific storms and severe weather; and

WHEREAS, due to the severe weather, landslides have closed and threatened roads and streams and rivers in Columbia County have been at or near flood stage since at least December 28, 2005, and there is a current need to respond by placing sand bags and taking other measures; and

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

WHEREAS, the effects of this 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 28, 2005, a state of local emergency exists throughout Columbia County, as defined by ORS 401.025(4), due to severe winter weather and the potential for landslides and flooding, and due to damages sustained and costs incurred as a result thereof; 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 11th day of January, 2006.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: [Signature]
Chair

By: [Signature]
Commissioner

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Commissioner

Approved as to form

By: [Signature]
Office of County Counsel

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