



CITY OF BELLINGHAM  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
KELLI LINVILLE

## **CITY OF BELLINGHAM PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the City of Bellingham Director of Emergency Services has reported to the Mayor and Deputy City Administrator, beginning February 8, 2019, that severe winter storm conditions exist in City of Bellingham and are forecast to continue, and,

WHEREAS, Governor Jay Inslee has issued Proclamation 19-02, hereby proclaiming that a State of Emergency exist throughout the State of Washington, and,

WHEREAS, Whatcom County has issued a Proclamation of Emergency signed by Whatcom County Executive Louws, in effect as long as the winter weather conditions continue.

WHEREAS, the City of Bellingham has experienced an event that requires emergency response; and

WHEREAS, the conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property currently exist with the City; and

WHEREAS, all available resources are committed to disaster work; and

WHEREAS, the City requires supplemental assistance; and

WHEREAS, the severity of this disaster is beyond the capability of local resources; and

WHEREAS, the existing conditions warrant the proclamation of the existence of a LOCAL EMERGENCY;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Kelli Linville, as a result of the above described events and situation, hereby proclaim that an emergency and disaster exist under RCW 35.33.081, RCW 38.52.070, and B.M.C. 2.57.010-070 within and throughout the City of Bellingham and I authorize City of Bellingham departments to:

- (1) Enter into emergency contracts and incur obligations necessary to address such emergency situations to protect the health and safety of persons and property, and,
- (2) Provide appropriate emergency assistance to the victims of such emergency,
- (3) Take other emergency actions to protect life and property, as appropriate.

Each City of Bellingham department is authorized to exercise the powers vested under this proclamation in light of the exigencies of an extreme emergency situation without regard to time consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law (except mandatory constitutional requirements).

It is further ordered that all acts taken prior to the effective date and time of this proclamation that are consistent with the intent and purpose of the proclamation are hereby ratified and confirmed retroactive to the time of the onset of the emergency/disaster.

This proclamation shall remain in full force and effect until terminated by issuance of a subsequent written order.

Signed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019

Kelli Linville, Mayor  
City of Bellingham