

CITY OF SUMAS

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CITY OF SUMAS, WASHINGTON

PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Whatcom County experienced a significant flood event on or about December 10, 2025, where there was severe flooding from the Nooksack River; and

WHEREAS, major flooding occurred in the City of Sumas beginning on or about December 10, 2025, due to the flooding from the Nooksack River; and

WHEREAS, the flooding event caused damage within the City, including damage to City owned roadways and infrastructure in multiple locations; and

WHEREAS, the Governor for the State of Washington issued an emergency proclamation on or about December 10, 2025, proclaiming a State of Emergency throughout the state of Washington due to extreme weather, including extreme rainfall resulting in major flooding; and

WHEREAS, the flooding event threatens injury to both persons and property, creating an emergency within the City which demands immediate action; and

WHEREAS, the emergency resources of the City of Sumas will likely be insufficient to meet the requirements of the situation and the City must take those steps to exercise any necessary statutory powers pursuant to RCW 38.52.070(2) and the City's own emergency operations plans; and

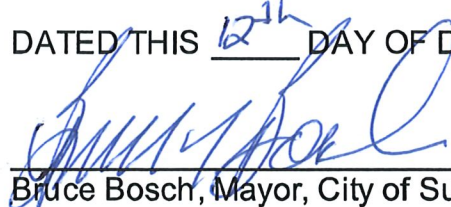
WHEREAS, RCW 38.52.070(2), authorizes political subdivisions in which a disaster has occurred to enter into contracts and incur obligations necessary to combat such disasters, protect the health and safety of persons and property, and provide emergency assistance to the victims of disasters without regard to certain procedures and formalities prescribed by law; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sumas has adopted by Resolution No. 685 an emergency operations plan ("Sumas Emergency Operations Plan" or "SEOP"), empowering the Mayor "to make and issue orders which shall have the force of law on matters reasonably related to the protection of life and property as affected by a disaster" subject to later confirmation by the City's Emergency Services Council; and

WHEREAS, the flood event that began on or about December 10, 2025, has threatened persons and property and has required extraordinary measures to protect public health and constitutes an emergency or disaster, including for purposes of Chapter 38.52 RCW and the Sumas Emergency Operations Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY PROCLAIMED by the Mayor of the City of Sumas, State of Washington, that an emergency exists in the City of Sumas as a result of the major flooding event that occurred on or about December 10, 2025, and in order to respond to said emergency, and to protect the public health, safety and welfare within the City of Sumas, authorizes the utilization of the emergency powers granted under RCW 38.52.070 and pursuant to the Sumas Emergency Operations Plan to preserve public health, safety and order.

DATED THIS 12th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2025.



Bruce Bosch, Mayor, City of Sumas

ATTEST: 

MICHELLE QUINN, City Clerk
City of Sumas, Washington