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**LOCAL PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY SNOHOMISH COUNTY**

WHEREAS Snohomish County already received significant snowfall on Sunday, February 3, and Monday, February 4, as documented by the Seattle Forecasting Office of the National Weather Service, that affected residents throughout the county and which has consumed substantial county resources in the form of road plowing, road sanding and salting, and emergency response; and

WHEREAS, the Seattle Forecasting Office of the National Weather Service forecast indicates a strong potential for significant additional snowfall, below freezing temperatures, icy roads, and high winds during the next five days that will greatly impact the county and its partners' ability to respond to emergencies and provide shelter services to affected residents, including residents who suffer power outages in below freezing temperatures; and

WHEREAS, the previous significant snowfall combined with the predicted extreme weather during the next five days gives rise to a set of circumstances constituting an emergency and the utilization of emergency powers granted in chapter 38.52 RCW and chapter 2.36 SCC; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County desires to take reasonable and prudent measures to ensure the safety of our residents during this period of extreme weather; and

WHEREAS, a Proclamation of Emergency is needed to allow the County to spend public funds to take these measures; and

WHEREAS, a Proclamation of Emergency is needed to temporarily waive requirements of competitive bidding, public notice, and other administrative requirements, in order to expedite our response to the effects of this extreme weather;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY EXECUTIVE, DAVE SOMERS:

**SECTION 1**

It is hereby declared under SCC 2.36.030(2)(e) and RCW 38.52.020(1)(b) that a State of Emergency exists in Snohomish County, as a result of the aforementioned conditions, causing widespread areas with dangerous road conditions, the potential for power outages occurring during freezing conditions, and impacts to emergency response including delayed response that affect county operations and public safety.

