

VALLEY REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY
FIRE CHIEF PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Public Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar declared a public emergency for the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) beginning on January 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, Governor Jay Inslee signed a Proclamation declaring a State of Emergency exists in all counties in the State of Washington due to the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the state and directed that the plans and procedures of the Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan be implemented; and

WHEREAS, the Authority believes that the increased number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 constitute a civil emergency and necessitates the utilization of emergency powers granted to the Fire Chief pursuant to Board of Governance Resolution No. 159 and RCWs 38.52.070(2), 52.02.020, 52.26.040 and 52.26.090; and

WHEREAS, in the judgment of the undersigned, extraordinary measures are required to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Authority and may go beyond the capability of local resources; now therefore


BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE Fire Chief of the Authority that an emergency exists within the Authority; therefore, the Authority Fire Chief is authorized to take emergency actions and provide emergency services to protect the health and safety of persons and property pursuant to Board of Governance Resolution No. 159 and Chapter 38.52 RCW and Title 52 RCW. As directed pursuant by Resolution No. 159 and as permitted by Chapter 38.52 RCW and Title 52 RCW, the Fire Chief is authorized to enter into contracts and to incur obligations necessary to combat the above disaster in the light of the exigencies of an extreme emergency situation without regard to time-consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law (excepting mandatory constitutional requirements.)

Dated this 2nd day of April, 2020

AUTHORITY


Brent D. Swearingen, Fire Chief

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Eric T. Quinn, Authority Attorney