

Resolution on
Emergency Preparedness Planning for West Jefferson County

WHEREAS, West Jefferson County is vulnerable to hurricane force winds, storm surges, flooding, wildfires, earthquakes, and tsunamis;

WHEREAS, climate change will lead to more extreme weather events and more fires, storms, tidal surges, and flooding;

WHEREAS, these events endanger the health, safety, and welfare of Jefferson County citizens who live there, and can deprive them of shelter, food, and road access for an extended period of time;

WHEREAS, West Jefferson County is sparsely populated, far from centralized services, and has few emergency responders and little equipment;

WHEREAS, Jefferson County’s Department of Emergency Management works to provide inter-agency coordination of emergency services and successful preparation programs in the more populous East Jefferson County, including emergency planning for persons with disabilities/special needs, neighborhood preparedness groups, a regional emergency preparedness network (JPREP), emergency communications using amateur radio operators, and organized volunteer programs; and

WHEREAS, West Jefferson County would be well served by similar programs;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Jefferson County Democrats call on the Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners to direct the Jefferson County Department of Emergency Management to develop and deliver improved emergency preparedness programs in West Jefferson County; and that the Department coordinate Jefferson County efforts with federal agencies, the Hoh Indian Tribe, the Queets band of the Quinault Indian Tribe, and neighboring counties of Clallam and Grays Harbor.

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