

**SNOHOMISH COUNTY  
WASHINGTON**



**PROCLAMATION**

**Flood Awareness Week in Snohomish County**

**WHEREAS**, Flood Awareness Week is an opportunity to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for and understanding flooding in Snohomish County, and to encourage all citizens to better prepare their homes, businesses and communities for the upcoming flood season; and

**WHEREAS**, Snohomish County river floodplains are the second most flood prone in Washington State with 11 major floods occurring since 1980; including the 1990 Thanksgiving flood, the October 2003 Flood, the 2006 Election Day flood, and the January 2009 flood, the largest floods on record to date; and

**WHEREAS**, each fall, Snohomish County prepares to provide essential public services during and after a flooding disaster and to support disaster recovery efforts due to flooding conditions, caused by heavy rains and snow melt, that could increase risk to human lives and to public and private property; and

**WHEREAS**, Snohomish County has a floodplain management program that has reduced flood damage and the cost of flood insurance policies for its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, Snohomish County has a flood warning system that provides critical flood and emergency information when we experience major flooding, providing residents, businesses, property owners and emergency responders with information to make critical health and safety decisions before, during and after flood events; and

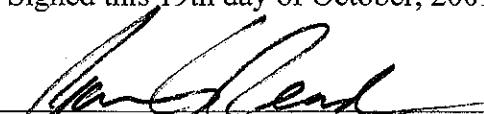
**WHEREAS**, Snohomish County provides safety information to floodplain residents and property owners about actions they can take to protect life and property before, during and after a major flood.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Aaron G. Reardon, Snohomish County Executive, in an effort to keep the public informed about the importance of flood safety, do hereby proclaim the week of October 25-October 31, 2009, as

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and encourage all citizens to get involved in their community's flood awareness and safety efforts and to learn more about safety preparedness by visiting the Snohomish County River Flood Warning Program Web site at [www.floods.surfacewater.info](http://www.floods.surfacewater.info).

Signed this 19th day of October, 2009.

  
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Aaron G. Reardon  
County Executive

