

## RESOLUTION NO. 850

### AN EMERGENCY DECLARATION OF THE MAYOR - REQUEST FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE DUE TO DECEMBER 2025 FLOOD EVENT CITY OF SUMAS, WASHINGTON

**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**, as a result, the City of Sumas (“City” or “Sumas”) suffered severe and damaging flooding within its limits; and

**WHEREAS**, the flooding caused 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<sup>th</sup>, 2025, proclaiming a State of Emergency throughout the entire state of Washington due to severe weather damage, including major flooding; and

**WHEREAS**, the 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 desires to take steps to exercise any necessary statutory powers pursuant to RCW 38.52.070(2) and the City’s own emergency operations plans;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Sumas, State of Washington, as follows:

1. City of Sumas hereby declares an emergency as a result of the severe flooding event that occurred and that such an emergency is declared to have commenced December 10, 2025.
2. That because of the declared emergency, the City of Sumas Public Works Department is authorized to use emergency purchasing procedures pursuant to RCW 39.04.280 without regard to time consuming procedures and formalities required by law for non-emergency purchases of goods and services related to response from this event, except those mandated by Constitutional requirements.
3. Documentation of all damage, repairs, and the decision making for any contracting of purchases shall be thorough.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Sumas ratifies the Mayor’s declaration of emergency existing effective December 10, 2025 and hereby does

authorize the expenditure of funds as required to meet the emergency. This action is in accordance with RCW 38.52.070(2).

**DATED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of December 2025.

CITY OF SUMAS, WASHINGTON

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BRUCE BOSCH, Mayor  
City of Sumas, Washington

ATTEST:

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MICHELLE QUINN, City Clerk  
City of Sumas, Washington

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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JAMES J. WRIGHT, City Attorney