

RESOLUTION NO. 3596

RESOLUTION DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY AND REQUESTING A DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY BY THE GOVERNOR THROUGH LINN COUNTY DUE TO FLOODING ON FEBRUARY 6, THROUGH 10, 1996

WHEREAS, on the sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, and tenth days of February 1996 the City of Albany has suffered widespread and severe damage, injury, loss of life and property, and expectation of imminent threat of same resulting from the flooding of the Willamette, Santiam, and Calapooia Rivers; the Albany-Lebanon Canal; Oak Creek; and many other local streams; and

WHEREAS, residences, businesses, public streets, roads, drainage systems, bridges, water systems, wastewater systems, utilities, parks, and other infrastructure and facilities throughout the city of Albany have been and are subject to further damage from flooding; and

WHEREAS, the severity and magnitude of the emergency is and was beyond the timely and effective response capabilities of the City of Albany; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager has determined that there is a need for extraordinary state and federal assistance to respond to the conditions and to alleviate the suffering of people and to protect or rehabilitate property; and

WHEREAS, state and federal assistance is particularly needed in the form of National Guard or other military assistance; heavy vehicles and boats to facilitate water rescues, evacuation, and movement of essential materials in the City shelter facilities to support emergency field operations and supplement shelter operations in anticipation of extended adverse weather; controlled release of water into the floodplain from Army Corps of Engineers-operated dams; mobile kitchens and meals; and potable water; and

WHEREAS, federal individual assistance to homeowners and businesses adversely affected by the flood as well as public assistance to affected City facilities and other governmental and public agencies within Albany are requested.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Albany City Council that a local emergency exists within the city; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this request be forwarded to the County Commissioners of Linn and Benton Countys, Oregon, and that through them request that the Governor of Oregon declare a state of emergency and consider the city of Albany as an "emergency area" as provided for in ORS 401.055 and that the State provide such assistance as requested by the City of Albany and available through the State of Oregon; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Governor request such additional assistance from the President of the United States as shall be needed.

DATED this 14th day of February 1996.

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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City Recorder