



**Confederated Tribes and Bands  
of the Yakama Nation**

**Established by the  
Treaty of June 9, 1855**

**RESOLUTION**

**T-063-11**

**WHEREAS, the Yakama Nation is a federally recognized Nation pursuant to the Treaty of 1855 (12 Stat. 951), and**

**WHEREAS, the Yakama Tribal Council is the governing body of the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation of the Yakama Reservation, by the authority delegated by the Resolution of 1944 and Resolution T-38-56; and**

**WHEREAS, upon information and belief, that a fire commenced on February 12, 2011, in the White Swan community, which resulted in the loss of approximately twenty homes and other community structures within the area, including the displacement of tribal and community members; and**

**WHEREAS, upon information and belief that extreme wind gusts on or about February 12 through February 13, 2011 caused additional damage to White Swan homes and other structural damages, and further aggravated fire damages; and**

**WHEREAS, the Yakama Nation Tribal Council Chairman declared a "State of Emergency" on February 12, 2011, due to the extreme damages and losses that were caused by the fire and wind gusts; and**

**WHEREAS, all tribes, federal and state governments, including but not limited to, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the Washington State government, commits themselves to building strong and lasting partnerships with American Indians and Alaska Natives, including the Yakama Nation, to assist them in preparing for the hazards they face, reducing their disaster vulnerabilities, responding quickly and effectively when disasters strike, and recovering in the aftermath of such disasters; and**

**WHEREAS, in the wake of disasters, like the one recently experienced by the Yakama Nation, the health, life, safety, and financial welfare of the persons and property on tribal lands and within the exterior boundaries of the Yakama Nation Reservation, require remediation, recovery and disaster services of the United States and state and local governments due to the isolated location and limited financial resources of the Yakama Nation.**

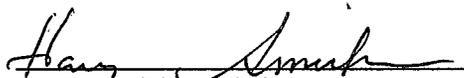
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Yakama Tribal Council meeting in Emergency Special Session at the Governmental Headquarters of the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation, with a quorum being present, that it hereby concurs with the Chairman's February 12, 2011 declaration of a "State of Emergency" for the White Swan and surrounding communities within the exterior boundaries of the Yakama Nation Reservation.**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Yakama Nation does hereby request that the federal and state governments, including but not limited to, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and Washington State, assist the Yakama Nation with the fire and wind damages that occurred on or about February 12, 2011 on the Yakama Nation Reservation, including but not limited to, financial assistance to mitigate the losses sustained.

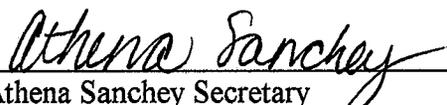
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the circumstances warrant the State of Washington to issue a proclamation designating a State of Emergency in the White Swan and surrounding communities.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Yakama Nation does not waive, alter, or otherwise diminish its Sovereign Immunity, whether expressed or implied, by virtue of this resolution for any and all administrative or legal action which may arise directly or indirectly from the same, nor does the Yakama Nation waive, alter, or otherwise diminish its rights, privileges, remedies or services guaranteed by the Treaty of 1855.

DONE AND DATED on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2011 by the Yakama Tribal Council by a vote of 11 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

  
Harry Smiskin, Chairman  
Yakama Tribal Council

ATTEST:

  
Athena Sanchey Secretary  
Yakama Tribal Council