



Proclamation

Office of the Mayor, City of Mukilteo

CASCADIA RISING EARTHQUAKE DISASTER RESPONSE TRAINING EVENT June 7–10, 2016

WHEREAS, Science points to a large 8.0-9.0 Cascadia Subduction Zone (CSZ) earthquake occurring across the 800-mile CSZ fault line off the Washington state coast on average every 200 to 500 years, and the previous earthquake and tsunami occurred in 1700; and

WHEREAS, Recent subduction zone fault earthquakes world-side underscore the similar challenges we will face when the next CSZ earthquake and tsunami occurs in our region as it did in Northeast Japan in 2011 resulting in over 18,000 deaths; and

WHEREAS, Conducting successful life-saving and life-sustaining response operations in the aftermath of a CSZ disaster will hinge on the effective coordination and integration of governments at all levels, as well as non-governmental organizations and the private sector; and

WHEREAS, One of the primary goals of Cascadia Rising is to train and test this whole community approach to complex disaster operations together as a joint team; and

WHEREAS, Mukilteo will participate in a four-day functional exercise from June 7–10, 2016 with other cities, counties, state agencies, FEMA, the military, tribal nations, ham radio operators, and others to coordinate simulated field response operations.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jennifer Gregerson, Mayor of the City of Mukilteo, fully support the planning and practice of these drills in preparation for a catastrophic event to help save lives.



Signed this 12th Day of May, 2016


Jennifer Gregerson
Mayor