



WHEREAS, first hand experience gained by emergency management personnel will benefit residents of King County should a natural disaster strike, and

WHEREAS, the King County emergency management team has been nationally recognized and could offer comprehensive and helpful insight and advice to the organizations that are providing disaster-relief-aid to victims of Hurricane Katrina;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

A. The King County executive is hereby authorized to allow King County personnel to assist in the Hurricane Katrina relief efforts throughout the United States; and

B. The King County executive is hereby encouraged to continue to pay these employees their county wages, for a limited time, while they are assisting in the relief, recovery and rebuilding efforts in the areas devastated by Hurricane Katrina.