

SENATE RESOLUTION

8624

By Senators Hunt, Mullet, Lovelett, Conway, Hawkins, Billig, Schoesler, Becker, Bailey, Zeiger, Takko, Liias, Kuderer, Wilson, C., Sheldon, Holy, McCoy, Wellman, Dhingra, Hasegawa, Wilson, L., and Brown

1       WHEREAS, Governor Jay Inslee issued a proclamation on February 8,  
2 2019, declaring a state of emergency for all counties throughout the  
3 state of Washington as a result of a severe winter storm forecast;  
4 and

5       WHEREAS, Washington State was struck by a storm the ferocity and  
6 duration of which was unmatched by any previously encountered in 30  
7 years; and

8       WHEREAS, On February 10 and 11, 2019, Olympia received 20.2  
9 inches of snow; and

10       WHEREAS, Extensive snowfall and ice caused roads to become  
11 un navigable, entire neighborhoods to lose power, and food and water  
12 to become dangerously scarce and hard to resupply in some  
13 jurisdictions of the state; and

14       WHEREAS, The Secretary of the Senate and Chief Clerk of the House  
15 of Representatives canceled committee hearings on February 11, 2019,  
16 due to the severity of the storm; and

17       WHEREAS, Employees of the Washington State Department of  
18 Enterprise Services were hard at work during and after the winter  
19 storm to keep conditions on the Capitol Campus safe and functional;  
20 and

21       WHEREAS, Despite the dangerous conditions, Department of  
22 Enterprise Services employees worked tirelessly to clear roads,

1 sidewalks, and parking lots to ensure that state employees and  
2 visitors could safely navigate the Capitol Campus; and

3 WHEREAS, Department of Enterprise Services employees ensured  
4 campus security systems remained operational and buildings were  
5 accessible; and

6 WHEREAS, Many Department of Enterprise Services employees  
7 were called to work at 2:00 am to clear snow from campus streets  
8 and sidewalks; and

9 WHEREAS, Many Department of Enterprise Services employees  
10 worked daily snow shifts from February 9 through February 15,  
11 2019; and

12 WHEREAS, Department of Enterprise Services employees worked  
13 a total of 1,523 hours on snow mitigation which included 331  
14 hours of overtime; and

15 WHEREAS, The Legislature would not have been able to quickly  
16 recover from the storm in order to serve the citizens of the  
17 State of Washington without the essential help of the Washington  
18 State Department of Enterprise Services and its staff;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State  
20 Senate sincerely thanks the Washington State Department of  
21 Enterprise Services and its Buildings and Grounds and Capitol  
22 Security and Visitor Services crews for their unwavering  
23 commitment to keeping so many functions of the state government,  
24 including the State Legislature and Capitol Campus, smoothly  
25 running through even the toughest conditions; and

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
27 immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Chris  
28 Liu, Director of the Department of Enterprise Services.

29 I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate,  
30 do hereby certify that this is a true and  
31 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8624,  
32 adopted by the Senate  
33 March 1, 2019

34 BRAD HENDRICKSON  
35 Secretary of the Senate