

## RESOLUTION NO. 585

### A RESOLUTION BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WEST YELLOWSTONE DEFINING THE CHAIN OF COMMAND FOR EMERGENCY SITUATIONS IN THE TOWN OF WEST YELLOWSTONE

WHEREAS, it is generally understood that a broad range of emergency situations may arise that have the potential to affect public life and business operations in the Town of West Yellowstone in ways that necessitate timely decision making; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council is the governing body of the Town of West Yellowstone and has delegated authority for certain functions to the Operations Manager; and

WHEREAS, the foremost priority of the Town Council is to ensure the health and safety of the Town's employees and the public; and

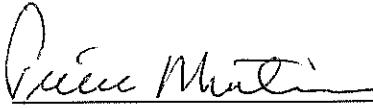
WHEREAS, the nature of emergency situations requires definitive responses to events that are inherently unpredictable in order to mitigate the potential for harmful damage; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to clarify the chain of command in a manner that provides for timely action in emergencies;

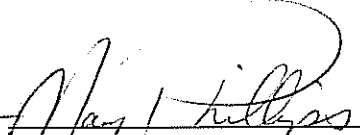
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- 1) If a quorum of Town Council members cannot be assembled, the Mayor, in consultation with the Operations Manager, shall act in their absence and respond to all emergency situations including but not limited to: building evacuations (including sending employees home and building closures), environmental hazards, utility shut-offs, law enforcement actions and direct communication with public safety personnel to ensure the safety of Town employees and the public.
- 2) If the Mayor is unavailable or unable to act, the Operations Manager shall act in his/her absence and respond to all emergency situations including but not limited to: building evacuations (including sending employees home and building closures), environmental hazards, utility shut-offs, law enforcement actions and direct communication with public safety personnel to ensure the safety of Town employees and the public.
- 3) If the Operations Manager is unavailable or unable to act, the Chief of Police shall act in his/her absence and respond to all emergency situations including but not limited to: building evacuations (including sending employees home and building closures), environmental hazards, utility shut-offs, law enforcement actions and direct communication with public safety personnel to ensure the safety of Town employees and the public.
- 4) If a quorum of Town Council members cannot be assembled, or as otherwise directed, the Operations Manager, followed by the Chief of Police is designated to serve as the spokesperson for the Town of West Yellowstone with the media, governmental entities and the public.

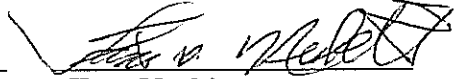
PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE  
MAYOR FOR THE TOWN OF WEST YELLOWSTONE  
THIS 7 DAY OF September, 2010.



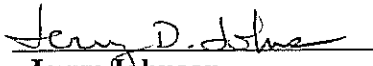
**Pierre Martineau**  
Council Member/Mayor



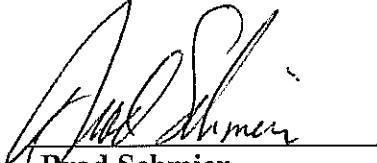
**Mary Phillips**  
Council Member



**Tom Nesbitt**  
Council Member

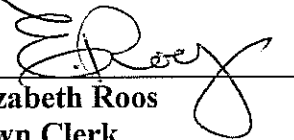


**Jerry Johnson**  
Council Member



**Brad Schmier**  
Council Member

ATTEST:



**Elizabeth Roos**  
Town Clerk