NORTH COUNTY REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY RESOLUTION NO. 03272013-02

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF CLAIMS PRIOR TO BOARD APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners ("Board") of North County Regional Fire Authority (the "Authority") have regularly scheduled meetings twice a month at which time they review and approve vouchers; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has a need to pay certain regular and ordinary maintenance and operation expenses prior to approval by the Board ("Eligible Claims"); and

WHEREAS, paying such Eligible Claims prior to Board approval will allow the Authority to timely pay invoices for which late fees, interest and/or penalties would otherwise be assessed; and

WHEREAS, the Board has the authority, pursuant to RCW 42.24.180, to authorize the issuance of warrants in payment of Eligible Claims prior to Board approval.

NOW, **THEREFORE**, **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of North County Regional Fire Authority, as follows:

- 1. **Auditing Officer**. For purposes of RCW 42.24.180, the Fire Chief shall serve as the Auditing Officer of the Authority, and the Auditing Officer shall sign and approve the voucher prior to issuance of a warrant.
- 2. **Signatories**. In order to expedite payment of Eligible Claims, as permitted by RCW 42.24.180, any of the following individuals may be signatories to issue warrants for Eligible Claims:
 - a. Fire Chief
 - b. Assistant Fire Chief
 - c. District Secretary
- 2.1 The Authority will obtain an official bond in an amount to be determined by the Board, but in no event less than \$50,000, for the Auditing Officer and each of the foregoing signatories for the faithful discharge of their duties.
- 2.2 At its next public meeting, which shall be within one (1) month of the issuance of warrants, the Board shall review the documentation supporting Eligible Claims and except, as to claims disapproved by the Board, shall approve those warrants issued in payment of Eligible Claims.
- 2.3 If the Board disapproves one or more claims, the Board shall require the Auditing Officer and one of the signatories designated above to jointly cause the

disapproved claims to be recognized as receivables of the Authority and to pursue collection diligently until the amounts disapproved are collected or until the Board is satisfied and approves the claims.

- 3. **Excluded Claims**. The Board hereby stipulates that the following otherwise Eligible Claims shall not be paid before Board approval:
 - a. Any claim in excess of \$5,000.00; and
 - b. Any claim which would be timely paid following normal approval by the Board.
- 3.1 The Board, by subsequent resolution, may exclude other types or amounts of claims for payment prior to Board approval.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of North County Regional Fire Authority on the 27th day of March, 2013, the following commissioners being present and voting.

Commissioner

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ATTEST:

Board Secretary