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PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

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WHEREAS, beginning July 13, 2012, and continuing through the present, a series of severe storms occurred in Adams, Benton, Chelan, Douglas, Ferry, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Jefferson, Kitsap, Kittitas, Klickitat, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, Walla Walla, and Yakima counties, producing high winds, severe thunderstorms, and extreme rainfall resulting in saturated soils, significant flooding, flash flooding, landslides, downed trees, and river bank erosion; and

These storms caused one confirmed death and injuries to citizens, power outages, scarcity of fuel, culvert failures, temporary closures of key transportation routes, debris obstructions, communication outages, and extensive damage to the state and county road systems, homes, public utilities, businesses, farm crops, public facilities, and infrastructure, in addition to creating sheltering needs for impacted citizens, threatening fragile and at-risk populations, and jeopardizing the health and safety of citizens with medical needs; and

The estimated cost to repair the road systems damage is over \$2 million, requiring the approval of Washington's Secretary of Transportation to commence work to repair the affected roadways. These emergency conditions have caused and may continue to warrant temporary closure or limited access to affected roadways and implementation of emergency procurement procedures to repair the damage, and the Washington State Department of Transportation is coordinating resources with local jurisdictions to implement damage repairs; and,

The Commissioners of Ferry County, the Commissioners of Walla Walla County, and the Chairman of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation declared local emergencies for these storm incidents that passed through their jurisdictions; and

The storm damage and its effects continue to impact the life and health of our citizens, as well as the property and transportation infrastructure of Washington State, all of which affect life, health, property, or the public peace, and constitute a public emergency demanding immediate action; and

The Washington State Military Department has activated the state Emergency Operations Center, implemented response procedures, and is coordinating resources to support tribal and local officials in alleviating the immediate social and economic impacts to people, property, and infrastructure, and is continuing to assess the magnitude of the event.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, as a result of the above-noted situation, and under Chapters 38.52 and 43.06 RCW, do hereby proclaim that a State of Emergency exists in Adams, Benton, Chelan, Douglas, Ferry, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Jefferson, Kitsap, Kittitas, Klickitat, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, Walla Walla, and Yakima counties in the state of Washington, and direct the plans and procedures in the *Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan* be implemented. State agencies and departments are directed to utilize state resources and to do everything reasonably possible to assist affected political subdivisions in an effort to respond to and recover from the event. Additionally, the Washington State Military Department, Emergency Management Division, is instructed to coordinate all incident-related assistance to the affected areas.

Signed and sealed with the official seal of the state of Washington this 23rd day of July A.D, Two Thousand and Twelve at Olympia, Washington.

By:

_____/s/
Christine O. Gregoire
Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR:

_____/s/
Secretary of State