PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

14-03

WHEREAS, between March 5 and March 24, 2014, a series of severe storms occurred in Grays Harbor, King, Lewis, Lincoln, and Pierce counties, producing extreme rainfall resulting in saturated soils, erosion, and issuance of flood and landslide warnings throughout Western Washington; and

WHEREAS, these storms caused culvert failures, washouts, landslides, debris obstructions, and temporary closures impacting both state and local road systems in these counties requiring emergency action by the Department of Transportation, including debris removal, slope stabilization, culvert replacement, and other immediate measures; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost to repair the road systems damage is over $1,920,000, and emergency action to address these repairs requires the approval of Washington's Secretary of Transportation. These emergency conditions have caused and may continue to warrant temporary closure of or limited access to affected roadways and implementation of emergency procurement procedures; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of Transportation and local jurisdictions are coordinating resources to repair the roadway, continuing to assess damage done by these storms, and working to implement damage repairs; and

WHEREAS, the roadway 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, and is a public disaster that affects life, health, property, or the public peace.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay R. Inslee, 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 Grays Harbor, King, Lewis, Lincoln, and Pierce 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 incident.

Signed and sealed with the official seal of the state of Washington this 2nd day of April, A.D., Two Thousand and Fourteen at Olympia, Washington.

By:

_____/s/_____
Jay Inslee, Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR:

_____/s/_____
Secretary of State