



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
Office of the Governor

**PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR**

**16-01**

**WHEREAS**, on December 8, 2015, an oversize load being transported on Interstate 5 in Lewis County, Washington, struck an overpass near mile post 69.4; and

**WHEREAS**, the overpass structure sustained substantial damage to two of the four pre-stressed concrete girders, resulting in the closure of Koontz Road overpass bridge until damage repairs can be completed; and

**WHEREAS**, the estimated cost to repair the damage from the collision is \$3,000,000 to repair the affected roadway to alleviate impacts to public safety; 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 Lewis County 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.

Signed and sealed with the official seal of the state of Washington on this 5th day of January A.D., Two Thousand and Sixteen at Olympia, Washington.

By:

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/s/  
Jay Inslee, Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR:

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/s/  
Secretary of State