



PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

16-02

WHEREAS, from January 21 through January 28, 2016, a series of significant winter storms struck Western Washington producing extreme rainfall throughout the area; and

WHEREAS, the heavy rainfall from these storms compounded by existing soil saturation levels resulted in flooding, slope erosion and landslides causing extensive damage to roadways, road closures and restricted access to affected areas in Chelan, Clallam, Clark, Grays Harbor, Jefferson, King, and Skagit counties; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost to repair the damage to roads resulting from these storm exceeds \$2,000,000, and emergency conditions continue to necessitate temporary closure of and limited access to affected roadways, requiring the approval of Washington's Secretary of Transportation to commence work immediately to repair the affected roadways through the implementation of emergency procurement procedures to alleviate impacts to public safety; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of Transportation and local jurisdictions are coordinating resources to repair the roadways, continuing to assess the damage caused 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 Chelan, Clallam, Clark, Grays Harbor, Jefferson, King, and Skagit 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 events.

Signed and sealed with the official seal of the state of Washington on this 3rd day of March A.D., Two Thousand and Sixteen at Olympia, Washington.

By:

/s/
Jay Inslee, Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR:

/s/
Secretary of State