



PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

17-08

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2017, I issued Proclamation 17-04, proclaiming a State of Emergency to exist in all counties in Eastern Washington due to a series of severe rain storms throughout the region from March 10, 2017, through March 20, 2017; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2017, I issued Proclamation 17-05, amending Proclamation 17-04 to extend its application from March 10, 2017, through April 3, 2017, and to include Cowlitz and Mason counties in western Washington, due to expanding storm conditions spreading throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, on April 21, 2017, I issued Proclamation 17-07, amending Proclamations 17-04 and 17-05 to extend their application from March 10, 2017, through April 21, 2017, due to ongoing expansion of the series of severe storms impacting the State; and

WHEREAS, as State and local government officials have continued to assess damage caused by these storms and implement necessary response and recovery activities, it has become evident that this series of severe storms also resulted in a landslide damaging SR410 in Pierce County and requires amendment of Proclamation 17-04 to include Pierce County among those impacted and for which a state of emergency is proclaimed; and

WHEREAS, state agencies and local jurisdictions are continuing to coordinate resources to address damaged and blocked roadways, assess damage caused by the storms, and implement damage repairs resulting from these storms; and

WHEREAS, the storm damage and its effects continue to impact the life and health of the people as well as the property and infrastructure of Washington State, all of which is a public disaster that affects life, health, property, or the public peace; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Military Department has activated the State Emergency Operations Center, implemented emergency response procedures, is coordinating resources to support 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, Jay R. Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, as a result of the above-noted situation and under Chapters 38.55 and 43.06 RCW, do hereby proclaim Proclamation 17-04 remains in effect and that a State of Emergency exists in Adams, Asotin, Benton, Chelan, Columbia, Cowlitz, Douglas, Ferry, Franklin, Garfield, Grant,

