



PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

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WHEREAS, a combination of above normal snowpack in the mountains, above average temperatures, and recent rainfall has resulted in higher than normal snow melt causing flooding of rivers and streams in Ferry, Okanogan and Pend Oreille counties; and

WHEREAS, continued higher temperatures are predicted to increase the threat of additional flooding in areas of eastern Washington over the next seven days with additional flooding expected to occur in these and other eastern Washington counties as rivers and streams continue to rise to record or near record levels; and

WHEREAS, the flooding is resulting in road closures, establishment of alternate transportation routes, evacuations, impacts to local utility services, localized reductions in available drinking water, and damage to public and private property and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, state agencies and local jurisdictions are coordinating resources to address the impacts of and assess damage caused by the flooding, and to implement appropriate response and recovery activities; and

WHEREAS, the threat of damage from this situation and its effects impact the life and health of our 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 Military Department has activated the State Emergency Operations Center, implemented response procedures, is coordinating resources to support state and local officials in alleviating the immediate social and economic impacts to people, property and infrastructure, and is continuing to assess impacts resulting from incident.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the State of Washington, as a result of the above-noted situation, and under Chapters 38.08, 38.52 and 43.06 RCW, do hereby proclaim that a State of Emergency exists in Adams, Asotin, Benton, Chelan, Columbia, Douglas, Ferry, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Kittitas, Klickitat, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Stevens, Yakima, Walla Walla, and Whitman counties in the state of Washington, and direct the plans and procedures of 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.

