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PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

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WHEREAS, on December 16, 2019, Bridge 82/268S was severely damaged when an over height load struck the overpass under Interstate 82 where it crosses State Route 397 near milepost 114 in Benton County; and

WHEREAS, the damage will require replacement of one of the overpass girders; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation took emergency measures, revising travel lanes to restrict traffic from traveling over the damage girders; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost to repair the damage from the collision is over \$1,100,000. Repairs and necessary interstate highway closures were approved by the Washington State Secretary of Transportation. These emergency conditions caused, and continue to require, limited access to affected roadways for a significant period and will require the emergency procurement of a contractor to repair the damage; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of Transportation is coordinating resources to repair the overpass and is working to implement repairs; and

WHEREAS, the overpass 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, all of which affect life, health, property, and the public peace, and constitute a public emergency demanding immediate action.

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 Benton County in the state of Washington, and direct the plans and procedures in the Washington State Comprehensive Emergency

