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PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

20-03

WHEREAS, as the result of a severe winter storm event impacting Washington State, Proclamation 20-02 was issued on February 5, 2020; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the impact of the severe winter storm causing road damage, closures and hazardous driving conditions in Walla Walla County, Proclamation 20-02 is hereby amended to include Walla Walla County; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the severe winter storm events impacting Washington State and as required for the public health, safety and welfare, I also order the organized militia of Washington into service, to include the National and the State Guard; and

WHEREAS, state agencies and local jurisdictions should continue coordinating resources to address damaged and blocked roadways, assess damage caused by the storms, and implement damage repairs; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Military Department is ordered to continue monitoring and coordinating supporting actions through the State Emergency Operations Center, implementing emergency response procedures, and 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; and

WHEREAS, the effects of this severe winter storm event continue to impact the life, health and property of individuals in this State, as well as the property and infrastructure of Washington State, and is a public disaster that affects the life, health, property or the public peace.

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 Proclamation 20-02 is amended to include Walla Walla County and to activate the organized militia of Washington State to assist with this disaster. I direct that the plans and procedures in the Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan continue to be implemented. State agencies and departments are directed to continue utilizing state resources in accordance with the Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and to do everything reasonably possible to assist affected political subdivisions in an effort to respond to and recover from the event.

As a result of this event, I also hereby order into active state service the organized militia of Washington State to include the National Guard and the State Guard, or such part thereof as may be

necessary in the opinion of the Adjutant General, to perform such duties as directed by competent authority of the Washington Military Department in addressing this event. Additionally, the Washington State Military Department, Emergency Management Division, is instructed to coordinate all incident-related assistance to the affected areas.

Other provisions of Proclamation 20-02 shall remain in effect.

Signed and sealed with the official seal of the state of Washington this 6th day of February, A.D., Two Thousand and Twenty at Olympia, Washington.

	By:	
	/s/ Jay Inslee, Governor	
BY THE GOVERNOR:		
/s/ Secretary of State		