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**PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR
AMENDING PROCLAMATION 14-04**

14-05

WHEREAS, on July 15, 2014, Lieutenant Governor Brad Owen issued Proclamation 14-04, proclaiming a state of emergency in all Eastern Washington counties due to current and projected weather conditions, existing fire fuel conditions that present a continuing high risk of severe wildfires, and ongoing multiple wildfires requiring significant levels of limited state and local firefighting resources; and

The threat to life and property from wildfires remains extreme, threatening extensive additional damage to homes, public facilities, businesses, public utilities, and infrastructure impacting the life and health of our citizens throughout Eastern Washington, all of which affect the life, health, property, or the public peace, and was declared in Proclamation 14-04 to be a public disaster demanding immediate action; and

As the Washington State Emergency Operations Center has continued to assess the extreme wildfire danger from these conditions and current weather forecasts for the next six days, it has become evident that these existing high risk fuel conditions present an active burning environment with extremely high potential for producing new and multiple wildfires on public and private lands in Eastern Washington; and

This extreme danger of new and multiple wildfires throughout Eastern Washington and the elevated risks of new fires also create conditions threatening severe deterioration of air quality over the next six days with air quality values in the affected area ranging from unhealthy to hazardous, which exacerbates the risk to life, health, and property; and

Based on these elevated risks of new and multiple wildfires, threats to air quality, and limited availability of firefighting resources, outdoor burning activities should be prohibited to help preserve and maintain 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 14-04 remains in effect in Adams, Asotin, Benton, Chelan, Columbia, Douglas, Ferry, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Kittitas, Klickitat, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Stevens, Walla Walla, Whitman, and Yakima counties, and I again direct the plans and procedures of the Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan be implemented. State agencies and departments are again 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 event and the Washington State Emergency Operations Center is again instructed to coordinate all event-related assistance to the affected areas.

Under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(1)(i), to preserve and maintain life, health, property or the public peace, I also hereby impose a temporary outdoor burn ban by prohibiting all outdoor and agricultural burning in the area affected by this proclamation until noon on Friday, July 25, 2014. The ban may be extended if conditions warrant. Except as provided herein, prohibited outdoor burning includes but is not limited to campfires, bonfires, residential yard debris clean-up, trash disposal, land clearing, weed abatement, agricultural burning activity and ignition of fireworks. This prohibition does not include the following activities: use of liquid fueled or gas-fueled stoves over a non-flammable surface and at least five feet from flammable vegetation; use of charcoal grills at private residences over a non-flammable surface and at least five feet from flammable vegetation; agricultural burning pursuant to a fire permit issued by a local authority in accordance with existing statutes and rules; and campfires at state, county and municipal parks and campgrounds in accordance with current and ongoing restrictions imposed by the agency with legal authority over the park or campground. Nothing in this order supersedes more restrictive provisions of the counties, municipalities, fire districts, other political subdivisions, or public or private landowners. Nothing in this order supersedes fire permits issued by a local authority that provide specific written approval for the prescribed burning activity. This order does not apply to firefighting activities by authorized firefighters acting in accordance with the firefighting plan.

All persons are advised of potential criminal penalties for violation of this order pursuant to RCW 43.06.220.

Signed and sealed with the official seal of the state of Washington this 20th day of July, A.D, Two Thousand and Fourteen at Olympia, Washington.

By:

_____/s/_____
Jay R. Inslee
Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR:

_____/s/_____
Secretary of State