JAY INSLEE Governor



PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

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WHEREAS, a series of significant rain storms occurred in parts of western Washington from November 25, 2014, through December 3, 2014; and

WHEREAS, these storms produced extreme rainfall resulting in saturated soils and slope erosion causing extensive damage to roadways, road closures and restricted access to affected areas in Clallam, Jefferson, Whatcom, King and Skagit counties, affecting the life, health and safety of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost to repair the damaged roads exceeds \$5,000,000, and emergency conditions continue to require temporary closure of and limited access to affected roadways, requiring the approval of Washington's Secretary of Transportation to commence work immediately to repair the affected roadways through the implementation of emergency procurement procedures; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of Transportation and local jurisdictions are coordinating resources to repair the roadway, continuing to assess the damage caused by these storms, and working to implement damage repairs; and

WHEREAS, the roadway 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, and is a public disaster that affects life, health, property, or the public peace.

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 Clallam, Jefferson, Whatcom, King and Skagit counties in the

state of Washington, and direct the plans and procedures in 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 event.

Signed and sealed with the official seal of the state of Washington this 10th day of December, A.D., Two Thousand and Fourteen at Olympia, Washington.

By:

/s/ Jay Inslee, Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR:

/s/ Secretary of State