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PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

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WHEREAS, on October 5, 2019, severe damage of a bridge occurred as the result of an over height load striking an overpass on northbound I-5 near milepost 76 within the city of Chehalis in Lewis County; and

WHEREAS, the damage sustained to two of the overpass girders on the 13th Street overpass will require replacement of the entire damaged span, rather than repair or replacement of the 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 \$1,000,000. Repairs and necessary interstate highway closures require the approval of the Washington State Secretary of Transportation. These emergency conditions caused and continues to warrant 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 roadway 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, all of which affect life, health, property, or 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 Lewis County 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

