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
and to do everything reasonably possible to assist affected political subdivisions in an
effort to respond to and recover from the incident.

Signed and sealed with the official seal of the state of Washington this 14th day of
November, A.D., Two Thousand and nineteen at Olympia, Washington.

By:

/s/
Jay Inslee, Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR:

/s/
Secretary of State