



PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

20-04

WHEREAS, as the result of the severe winter storm event impacting Washington State, Proclamation 20-02 was issued on February 5, 2020, and amended by Proclamation 20-03 on February 6, 2020, to add Walla Walla County to the area affected by this disaster and to activate the organized militia of Washington State to assist with this disaster; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the ongoing impacts of these storms causing significant power outages, evacuations, and damage to roads, homes, businesses, property and utilities in Columbia, Garfield, Grant, Kittitas, and Yakima Counties, Proclamation 20-02 is again hereby amended to include each of these counties; 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 38.52 and 43.06 RCW, do hereby proclaim that Proclamation 20-02 is amended to include Columbia, Garfield, Grant, Kittitas, and Yakima Counties, that Proclamations 20-02 and 20-03 otherwise remain unchanged and in effect, and that a State of Emergency continues to exist in all named counties. I further 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.

