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**PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR  
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**WHEREAS**, there is an imminent danger of an infestation of the non-native plant pests Asian gypsy moth (*Lymantria umbrosa*) and Asian-European hybrid gypsy moth (*Lymantria dispar L.*) in the following areas: Woodway (672 acres) and Boulevard Bluff (639 acres), Snohomish County; and

**WHEREAS**, this imminent danger of infestation seriously endangers the agricultural and horticultural industries of the state of Washington and seriously threatens the economic well-being and quality of life of state residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington Department of Agriculture has prepared an Environmental Assessment and issued a determination of non-significance tiered to federal agency environmental reviews for gypsy moth management in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, after thorough evaluation of other alternatives and in accordance with RCW 17.24.171, the Director of the Department of Agriculture has requested that I order emergency measures to prevent or abate the infestation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Agriculture proposes as the preferred alternative to use aerial spray applications of the biological insecticide containing the bacterium *Bacillus thuringiensis var. kurstaki* (*Btk*) (Foray 48B, EPA Reg. No. 73049-427) to kill the gypsy moth in its instar (caterpillar) stage beginning in May 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Agriculture proposes to conduct aerial spraying with *Btk* under National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit # WA0039047 issued by the Department of Ecology for the purpose of invasive moth control.

**NOW THEREFORE, I**, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, by virtue of the authority vested in me under RCW 43.06.010(13), as a result of the above-noted situation, after evaluation of other alternatives and in accordance with RCW 17.24.171, do hereby find that the imminent threat of infestation has created a state of emergency and order the

