



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
— OFFICE OF GOVERNOR JAY INSLEE —

**EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR**

**21-12**

**WSDOT Heat Damage**

**WHEREAS**, beginning June 24, 2021, Washington State experienced an unprecedented heat event, with excessive heat causing damage to road infrastructure in Adams, Asotin, Clark, Cowlitz, Douglas, Ferry, Grant, King, Kittitas, Okanagan, Pacific, Pend Oreille, Pierce, Snohomish, Spokane, Whatcom, Whitman, and Yakima Counties; and

**WHEREAS**, the unprecedented heat caused failures to concrete panels, bridge expansion joints, and asphalt, as well as electrical damage requiring repairs over a large geographic area; and

**WHEREAS**, the damage affects the transportation network and the people who depend on it throughout wide areas of Washington State; and

**WHEREAS**, the estimated cost to repair the damage to affected roadways to alleviate impacts to public safety exceeds \$2,600,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Department of Transportation is coordinating resources to repair the roadway and is working to implement 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, and 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 involving heat-related damage to transportation infrastructure, and under Chapters 38.52 and 43.06 RCW, do hereby proclaim that a State of Emergency exists in Adams, Asotin, Clark, Cowlitz, Douglas, Ferry, Grant, King, Kittitas, Okanagan, Pacific, Pend Oreille, Pierce, Snohomish, Spokane, Whatcom, Whitman, and Yakima 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 incident.

