



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
— OFFICE OF GOVERNOR JAY INSLEE —

**EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR**

**21-18**

**Severe Weather Damage**

**WHEREAS**, a severe wind and rainstorm event that began on November 12, 2021, and is forecast to last several days is producing extensive flooding in Clallam, Grays Harbor, Island, Jefferson, Lewis, King, Kitsap, Pierce, Mason, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish, Thurston, and Whatcom counties, causing hazardous conditions for the people of Washington, homes, property, businesses, agriculture, transportation systems, and the economy of Washington State; and

**WHEREAS**, a weather pattern that began on October 27, 2021 has resulted in saturated soils, which when combined with the significant precipitation during the event beginning on November 12, 2021, has created flooding conditions on multiple rivers, and forecasted rain along with anticipated rain and snow at mountain elevations are expected to exacerbate flooding conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, the severe storm with floods, landslides, mudslides, and the potential for straight-line winds is causing and is anticipated to cause road closures, the need to establish alternate transportation routes, evacuations, impacts to local utility services including significant power outages, localized reductions in available drinking water, and damage to homes and other public and private property and infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, a number of landslides have already occurred covering roadways and other infrastructure, and an elevated risk of landslides will continue during and after the November 12, 2021, weather event subsides; and

**WHEREAS**, the flooding and wind damage is causing and is anticipated to cause injuries to the people of Washington and to severely affect the agriculture, supply chain, transportation infrastructure, and the economy throughout the state; and

**WHEREAS**, the threat of damage from this situation and its effects impact the life and health of our people as well as the property and infrastructure of Washington State, all of which is a public disaster that affects life, health, property, or the public peace; and

**WHEREAS**, state agencies and local jurisdictions are coordinating resources to address damaged property and infrastructure, assess damage caused by the storms, and implement repairs; and

