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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 pest European gypsy moth (*Lymantria dispar* (*Linnaeus*)) which 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, approximately 180 acres in the cities of Tukwila and Renton (as identified in the 2013 State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) checklist titled 2013 Gypsy Moth Eradication Project – Tukwila, WA dated March 11, 2013) are in imminent danger of infestation and emergency measures are necessary to prevent establishment of the pest; and

WHEREAS, after thorough evaluation of other alternatives and in accordance with RCW 17.14.171, the Director of the Department of Agriculture has requested that the Governor order emergency measures to control the pest; and

WHEREAS, the aerial spray application of disparlure, a naturally occurring insect pheromone used to disrupt mating of gypsy moths, as described in the August 2012 USDA, Forest Service and Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Gypsy Moth Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (Volume III, Appendix H and Volume IV, Summary), is an effective and preferred treatment option, particularly when used in conjunction with ground or aerial spray application of *Bacillus thuringiensis var. kurstaki* (*B.t.k.*), used to kill the gypsy moth in its instar (caterpillar) stage; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture proposes to use an aerial spray application of disparlure for the entire area and has conducted ground spray applications of *B.t.k.* for a 10.5 acre site within the larger area.

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 imminent danger of infestation noted herein, after evaluation of other alternatives and in accordance with RCW 17.24.171, do hereby declare a State of Emergency and authorize the Director of the Department of Agriculture to use emergency measures as necessary in the above-noted

