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**PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR**  
**14-02**

**WHEREAS**, a catastrophic landslide occurred between Oso and Darrington in Snohomish County on March 22, 2014, resulting in loss of life, injuries, destruction of homes and property, road closures, and threats of flooding; and

The landslide completely covered State Route 530 resulting in its closure, requiring the implementation of detours through adjacent roadways, limiting access for emergency services, and causing extensive disruption throughout the area; and

The landslide blocked the North Fork of the Stillaguamish River near Oso, resulting in threatened local area flooding and downstream flooding when the blockage breaks; and

The Mount Index area of Snohomish County is experiencing a large, slow moving landslide that is disrupting power, local roads, and access for emergency response; and

Local evacuations have been ordered by Snohomish County for specific areas the landslide has impacted and which are threatened by potential flooding; and

The effects of the landslide, road closures, and threatened flooding, and the potential for additional injury and damage, continue to impact the life, health and property of our citizens, as well as the property and infrastructure of Washington State, and is a public disaster that affects life, health, property or the public peace; and

The Washington State Military Department has activated the state Emergency Operations Center, implemented 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 assessing the magnitude of the event.

Governor Jay R. Inslee is currently outside the state of Washington and I am therefore the acting Governor pursuant to RCW 43.06.040.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Brad Owen, Lieutenant Governor of the state of Washington, pursuant to my authority under RCW 43.06.040, as a result of the above-noted situation and under Chapters 38.52 and 43.06 RCW, do hereby proclaim that a State of Emergency exists in Snohomish County in the State of Washington, and direct the plans and procedures to 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 event.

Additionally, the Washington State Military Department, Emergency Management Division is instructed to coordinate all incident-related assistance to the affected areas.

As a result of this event, I also hereby order into active state service the organized militia of Washington State to include the National Guard and the State Guard, or such part thereof as may be necessary in the opinion of the Adjutant General to address the circumstances described above, to perform such duties as directed by competent authority of the Washington State Military Department. Additionally, I hereby direct the Department of Natural Resources and the Washington State Military Department, Emergency Management Division, Public Assistance section to provide teams for conducting necessary event related assessments.

Signed and sealed with the official seal of the state of Washington this 22nd day of March, A.D, Two Thousand and Fourteen at Olympia, Washington.

By:

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/s/  
Brad Owen  
Lieutenant Governor

BY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR:

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/s/  
Secretary of State