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PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

14-06

WHEREAS, on July 15, 2014, Lieutenant Governor Brad Owen issued Proclamation 14-04, proclaiming a state of emergency in all Eastern Washington counties due to current and projected weather conditions, existing fire fuel conditions that present a continuing high risk of severe wildfires, and ongoing multiple wildfires requiring significant levels of limited state and local fire-fighting resources; and

WHEREAS, on July 20, 2014, I issued Proclamation 14-05, amending Proclamation 14-04, imposing a temporary outdoor burn ban in all Eastern Washington counties by prohibiting all outdoor and agricultural burning as specified until noon on Friday, July 25, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the threat to life and property from wildfires in all Eastern Washington counties remains extreme, threatening extensive additional damage to homes, public facilities, businesses, public utilities, and infrastructure impacting the life and health of our citizens throughout Eastern Washington, all of which affect the life, health, property, or the public peace, and was declared in Proclamation 14-04 to be a public disaster demanding immediate action; and

WHEREAS, as the Washington State Emergency Operations Center has continued to monitor current weather forecasts and assess the wildfire danger from these conditions, it has become evident that the existing high risk fuel conditions continue to present an active burning environment with an extremely high potential for producing new and multiple wildfires on public and private lands in all counties in Eastern Washington for the next seven days; and

WHEREAS, the multiple ongoing wildfires throughout Eastern Washington and extreme danger of new fires continue to create conditions threatening severe deterioration of air quality over the next seven days, which could exacerbate the risk to life, health, and property; and

WHEREAS, based on the continuing elevated risks of multiple new and ongoing wildfires, threats to air quality, and limited availability of fire-fighting resources that have already been severely taxed by response to widespread wildfires throughout the region, this amendment extends the time period during which outdoor burning activities should remain prohibited to help preserve and maintain life, health, property or the public peace.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, as a result of the above-noted situation, and under Chapters 38.08, 38.52 and 43.06 RCW, do hereby proclaim that Proclamation 14-04 remains in effect in Adams, Asotin, Benton, Chelan, Columbia, Douglas, Ferry, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Kittitas, Klickitat, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Stevens, Walla Walla, Whitman, and Yakima counties, and I again direct the plans and procedures of the *Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan* be

