

JAY INSLEE  
Governor



**STATE OF WASHINGTON**  
Office of the Governor

**PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR**  
**15-06**

**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;

**WHEREAS**, approximately 220 acres in Clark County, roughly 1.5 miles northeast of the town of Yacolt, are in imminent danger of infestation; and, emergency measures are necessary to prevent establishment of the pest;

**WHEREAS**, the Washington Department of Agriculture has prepared an Environmental Assessment and issued a determination of non-significance, tiered to federal agency environmental reviews for gypsy moth management in the United States;

**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 I order emergency measures to control the pest; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Agriculture proposes as the preferred alternative to use aerial spray applications of the biological insecticide containing the bacterium *Bacillus thuringiensis* var. *kurstaki* (*Btk*) (Foray 48B, EPA Reg. No. 73049-427) to kill the gypsy moth in its instar (caterpillar) stage beginning in late April or early May 2015; and,

**WHEREAS**, WSDA proposes to conduct aerial spraying with *Btk* under NPDES permit # WA0039047 issued by the Department of Ecology for the purpose of invasive moth control.

**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

area to effect the eradication of the European gypsy moth, including the use of aerial applications of *Btk*.

Signed and sealed with the official seal of the state of Washington this 21st day of April, A.D. Two-thousand and Fifteen at Olympia, Washington.

By:

/s/  
Jay Inslee, Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR:

/s/  
Secretary of State