



PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

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WHEREAS, on August 29, 2015, a severe storm producing extreme rainfall and windy conditions struck parts of western Washington, resulting in fallen tree limbs, broken and uprooted trees, and flying debris causing loss of life and extensive damage to homes, businesses, public utilities, public facilities, electrical power systems, infrastructure, and property; and

WHEREAS, debris generated by the storm also damaged and blocked vital roadways throughout the impacted areas, limiting access by responders, businesses, and utilities in addressing the storm's aftermath; and

WHEREAS, state agencies and local jurisdictions continue to coordinate resources to address damaged and blocked roadways, assess damage caused by the storm, and work to implement damage repairs; and

WHEREAS, the storm damage and its effects continue to impact the life and health of our citizens, 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, the Washington State Military Department activated the state Emergency Operations Center, implemented emergency 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 continuing to assess the magnitude of the event.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay R. Inslee, Governor of the State of Washington, 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 Clallam, Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, Island, Jefferson, King, Kitsap, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, Pierce, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish, Thurston, Wahkiakum, and Whatcom counties in the state of Washington, and direct the plans and procedures in the *Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management*

Plan be implemented. State agencies and departments are directed to utilize state resources in accordance with the Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan to do everything reasonably possible to assist affected political subdivisions in an effort to respond to and recover from the event.

Signed and sealed with the official seal of the state of Washington this 18th day of September, A.D. Two-thousand and Fifteen at Olympia, Washington.

By:

/s/
Jay Inslee, Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR:

/s/
Secretary of State