

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, a storm front producing wind, heavy rain, mountain snows, and high tides capable of producing major coastal erosion, caused extensive damage and continues to impact the citizens, property, and infrastructure of Washington State; and

WHEREAS, this event has caused damages to multiple transportation infrastructures in excess of \$7.3 million and could rise; and

WHEREAS, the cumulative effects of flooding and saturated soil conditions associated with the steady rainfall in western Washington have resulted in mudflows and landslides across the region. The following counties are currently experiencing damage from these storm events: Pacific, Grays Harbor, Clallam, Jefferson, Mason, Kitsap, Pierce, King, Skagit, Thurston, Lewis and Spokane; and

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service forecast for Washington State anticipates significant additional precipitation in the next 10 days; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of Transportation is seeking Federal Highway Administration 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christine Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, as a result of the above-described situation and under Chapters 38.08, 38.52, and 43.06 RCW, do hereby proclaim that a State of Emergency exists in Washington State and direct the supporting plans and procedures of the *Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan* be implemented. State agencies and departments are directed to utilize state resources and to do everything possible to assist affected political subdivisions in an effort to respond to and recover from the events. Additionally, the Washington State Department of Transportation shall coordinate all event-related assistance to the affected areas.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the State of Washington to be affixed at Olympia, this 12th day of January, A. D., Two Thousand and Six.

Governor of Washington

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Secretary of State