

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, multiple storm fronts during the period beginning January 27 through February 4, 2006, produced strong winds and record amounts of rainfall that resulted in flooding, saturated soils, slope failures, landslides, seawall erosion, fallen trees, and that caused extensive damage to the transportation, ports, water supply, electric, and waste water infrastructure of Washington State; and

WHEREAS, these events caused damages affecting lands, rivers, coastal areas, mountain passes, and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Washington State continued to receive above-normal rainfall since January 27, 2006, and the National Weather Service long-range forecast for Washington State anticipates significant additional precipitation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christine Gregoire, 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 a State of Emergency exists in Clallam, Grays Harbor, Island, Jefferson, Kitsap, Mason, Pacific, Pend Oreille, San Juan, Snohomish, and Wahkiakum Counties and direct the supporting 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 possible to assist affected political subdivisions in an effort to respond to and recover from the event. I also order into active state service the Washington National Guard, or such part thereof as may be necessary in the opinion of the Adjutant General, to perform such duties as directed by competent authority. Additionally, the Washington State Military Department, Emergency Management Division is instructed to 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 3rd day of March, A. D., Two Thousand and Six.

Governor of Washington

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Secretary of State