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PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR
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WHEREAS, a truck carrying an over-height load struck an overpass over I-90 on October 31, 2007, near Easton in Kittitas County, Washington, causing extensive damage to the overpass and I-90, damage which continues to impact the citizens, property, and infrastructure of Washington State; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost to correct the damage is \$800,000 and growing, requiring the approval of the Secretary of Washington State's Department of Transportation to commence repair work to remove and replace the affected overpass span. An emergency condition exists to close the overpass, remove affected span, assess the damage, and repair the bridge. Conditions warrant emergency contracting procedures; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of Transportation is coordinating resources to repair the overpass and I-90 to alleviate the immediate impacts upon the infrastructure and is continuing to assess the magnitude of this event.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, as a result of the above-noted situation and under Chapters 38.08, 38.52, 43.06, 43.20, 43.70, and 70.05 RCW, do hereby proclaim that a State of Emergency exists in Kittitas County in the State of Washington, and direct the 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 reasonably possible to assist affected political subdivisions in an effort to respond to and recover from the event. Additionally, the Washington State Military Department, Emergency Management Division is instructed to coordinate all event-related assistance to the affected areas.

Signed and sealed with the official seal of the state of Washington this 2nd day of November, A.D, Two Thousand and Seven at Olympia, Washington.

By:

/s/

Christine O. Gregoire
Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR:

/s/

Secretary of State