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PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR
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WHEREAS, a severe winter storm started on January 26th, and is forecast to continue through February 3, 2008, threatening citizens and property of Washington State; and

The winter storm and continued snow precipitation with large accumulations is causing hazardous conditions for homes, businesses, public utilities, public facilities, and infrastructure in Adams, Clark, Columbia, King, Kittitas, Klickitat, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, Skamania, Spokane, Stevens, Walla Walla, Whitman and Yakima Counties;

The Washington State Military Department has activated the state Emergency Operations Center, implemented 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 assessing the magnitude of the 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 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. I also hereby order into active state service the organized militia of Washington State to include the National Guard and the State 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 of the Washington Military Department. 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 31st day of January A.D, Two Thousand and Eight at Olympia, Washington.

By:

Christine O. Gregoire
Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Secretary of State