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PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

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WHEREAS, a series of severe spring storms occurred throughout Washington from March 15 through April 10, 2011, impacting public safety, travel and access; and

These storms produced high winds and extreme rainfall resulting in saturated soils, significant flooding, landslides, culvert failures, river bank erosion and extensive damage to the state and county road systems in Chelan, Cowlitz, Ferry, King, Kittitas, Mason and Snohomish Counties; and

The estimated cost to repair the road systems damage is over \$2.7 million, requiring the approval of Washington's Secretary of Transportation to commence work to repair the affected roadways. Emergency conditions have caused and may continue to warrant temporary closure or limited access to affected roadways and implementation of emergency procurement procedures; and

The Washington State Department of Transportation and local jurisdictions are coordinating resources to repair the roadways and remove debris, continuing to assess the damage caused by these incidents, and working to implement repairs; and

The effect of these storms continues to impact the life and health of our citizens, as well as the property and transportation infrastructure of Washington State, and is a public disaster that affects life, health, property or the public peace.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christine O. Gregoire, 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 Chelan, Cowlitz, Ferry, King, Kittitas, Mason and Snohomish 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 and to do everything reasonably possible to assist affected political subdivisions in an effort to respond to and recover from the incident.

Signed and sealed with the official seal of the state of Washington this 25th day of April, A.D, Two Thousand and Eleven at Olympia, Washington.

By:

/s/

Christine O. Gregoire
Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR:

/s/

Secretary of State