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PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

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WHEREAS, a series of significant spring storms began on May 9, 2011, and continued for several weeks, producing extensive rainfall throughout the Washington lowlands and mountain snowpack elevations; and

The heavy rainfall on the snowpack is producing above normal snowmelt contributing additional large volumes of water to tributaries and rivers throughout central and eastern Washington already filled with significant rainfall runoff, resulting in extensive flooding, landslides, and power outages, causing extensive damage to homes, businesses, highways, roads, public utilities, public facilities, and infrastructure in Benton, Chelan, Ferry, King, Kittitas, Klickitat, Okanagan, Pend Oreille, Pierce, Skagit, Spokane, Stevens, Walla Walla and Yakima Counties; and

The estimated cost to repair damage to state and county road systems resulting from these storms is more than \$3 million and growing, requiring the approval of Washington's Secretary of Transportation to commence work to repair, remove and replace 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 road systems and remove debris, continuing to assess the damage caused by this incident, and working closely to develop and implement short and long term repairs for the roadways and detours; and

The impact of this incident to the life and health of our citizens, as well as the property and transportation infrastructure of Washington State, is a public disaster that affects life, health, property or the public peace; and

The Washington State Military Department activated the state Emergency Operations Center, implemented response procedures, and coordinated resources to support local officials in alleviating the immediate social and economic impacts to people, property, and infrastructure, and is continuing to assess the magnitude of the incident.

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 Benton, Chelan, Ferry, King, Kittitas, Klickitat, Okanagan, Pend Oreille, Pierce, Skagit, Spokane, Stevens, Walla Walla and Yakima 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 9th day of June, A.D.
Two-thousand and Eleven at Olympia, Washington.

By:

/s/

Christine O. Gregoire
Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR:

/s/

Secretary of State