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**PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR
AMENDING PROCLAMATION 12-01**

12-02

WHEREAS, on January 18, 2012, I issued Proclamation 12-01, proclaiming a statewide emergency as a result of a severe winter storm that produced extensive snowfall throughout the Washington lowlands and in the mountain elevations affecting roadways and causing temporary closures of key transportation routes; and

Under this Proclamation I temporarily waived driver hours of service rules for drivers of trucks hauling bulk milk intrastate from farms to dairy processing facilities, and interplant between dairies and processing facilities, because the storm conditions created an emergency situation preventing delivery of milk within time limits prescribed by driver hours of service rules. This temporary waiver has expired and the conditions for the waiver no longer exist; and

Under this Proclamation I also ordered into active state service the organized militia of Washington State, and the conditions for this activation no longer exist; and

This Amendment clarifies that the storm began on January 14, 2012, and continued to produce snow, freezing rain, ice, high winds, and heavy rain through January 23, 2012, resulting in landslides, falling trees, flooding, and electrical transmission system failures causing multi-day school closures, multi-day power outages, damage to transportation system infrastructure, and continued transportation system closures extending beyond the time frame of the storm; and

As the Washington State Military Department continued to monitor the effects of this storm through the Washington State Emergency Operations Center, it has now become evident that the storm had significant and continuing social and economic impacts to people, property, and infrastructure in Clallam, Clark, Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, King, Klickitat, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, Pierce, Skamania, Snohomish, Thurston, and Wahkiakum counties; and

Ongoing assessments of storm damage to state and county road systems by the Washington State Department of Transportation reveal that temporary closures, limited access, and damage to transportation infrastructure in these counties continues to impact public health and safety; costs to repair road system damage is expected to exceed \$1.6 million; and, it is necessary to implement emergency contracting procedures to repair the affected roadways; and

The effect of this storm 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 aforementioned situation and under Chapters 38.52 and 43.06 RCW, do hereby proclaim that Proclamation 12-01 remains in effect, except for the waiver of driver service hours and activation of the organized militia, and that a State of Emergency continues in Clallam, Clark, Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, King, Klickitat, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, Pierce, Skamania, Snohomish, Thurston, and Wahkiakum counties. I again 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. Additionally, the Washington State Emergency Operations Center is instructed to continue to coordinate all incident-related assistance to the affected areas.

Signed and sealed with the official seal of the state of Washington this 19th day of February, A.D, Two Thousand and Twelve at Olympia, Washington.

By:

/s/

Christine O. Gregoire
Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR:

/s/

Secretary of State