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PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

12-06

WHEREAS, an unidentified vehicle caused significant damage to a supporting girder on the Eastbound Bandera Road Bridge/Overpass at milepost 45 on Interstate 90, discovered on April 3, 2012, during a Washington State Patrol observation of the Interstate 90 overpass; and

The damage consists of folding over of a girder, subsequent detachment from two interior diaphragms, a crack at the interface between the web and the top flange, and a six inch lateral deflection in the bottom flange of the girder, all resulting in a significant reduction in load carrying capacity of the bridge/overpass; and

The Washington State Department of Transportation took emergency measures, closing the left shoulder and left lane of eastbound Interstate 90 at milepost 45 and closing Bandera Road which runs under the overpass, restricting access to Bandera state airport and United States Forest Service roads; and

The estimated cost to repair the bridge/overpass damage is over \$1,400,000. Repairs and necessary interstate highway closures require the approval of Washington State's Secretary of Transportation. These emergency conditions caused and may continue to warrant temporary closure of or limit access to affected roadways for a significant period and implementation of emergency procurement procedures to hire a contractor to repair the damage; and

The Washington State Department of Transportation is coordinating resources to repair the roadway and working to implement damage repairs; and

The roadway damage and its effects continue to impact the life and health of our citizens, as well as the property and transportation infrastructure of Washington State, all of which affect life, health, property, or the public peace, and constitute a public emergency demanding immediate action.

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 King County 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 the affected state agencies and political subdivisions in an effort to respond to and recover from the event.

Signed and sealed with the official seal of the state of Washington this 17th day of April, A.D., Two Thousand and Twelve at Olympia, Washington.

By:

/s/

Christine O. Gregoire
Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR:

/s/

Secretary of State