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**PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR
AMENDING PROCLAMATIONS 12-12 AND 12-13**

12-14

WHEREAS, on September 13, 2012, I issued Proclamation 12-12, proclaiming a state of emergency in all counties East of the crest of the Cascade Mountains of Washington State due to current and projected weather conditions, existing fire fuel conditions that present a continuing high risk of severe wildfires, and ongoing multiple wildfires requiring significant levels of limited state and local fire fighting resources; and

On September 14, 2012, I issued Proclamation 12-13, amending Proclamation 12-12, imposing a temporary outdoor burn ban in all counties East of the crest of the Cascade Mountains of Washington State by prohibiting all outdoor and agricultural burning as specified until midnight on Tuesday, September 18, 2012; and

The threat to life and property from wildfires remains extreme, threatening extensive additional damage to homes, public facilities, businesses, public utilities, and infrastructure impacting the life and health of our citizens throughout Eastern Washington, all of which affect the life, health, property, or the public peace, and was declared in Proclamation 12-12 to be a public disaster demanding immediate action; and

As the Washington State Emergency Operations Center has continued to assess the extreme wildfire danger from these conditions and current weather forecasts, it has become evident that these existing high risk fuel conditions continue to present an active burning environment with extremely high potential for producing new and multiple wildfires on public and private lands in all counties in Eastern Washington; and

This continuing extreme danger of new and multiple wildfires in all counties in Eastern Washington and the elevated risks of new fires also create conditions threatening severe deterioration of air quality with air quality values in the affected area ranging from unhealthy to hazardous, which exacerbates the risk to life, health, and property; and

Based on the continuing elevated risks of new and multiple wildfires, threats to air quality, and limited availability of fire fighting resources, this amendment extends the time period during which outdoor burning activities should remain prohibited to help preserve and maintain 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 38.08, 38.52 and 43.06 RCW, do hereby proclaim that Proclamation 12-12 remains in effect in all counties East of the crest of the

