



STATE OF WASHINGTON
— OFFICE OF GOVERNOR JAY INSLEE —

EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

22-01

Winter Weather and Flooding

WHEREAS, a series of severe winter storms struck Washington State beginning on December 17, 2021, producing extensive rain and snow and causing hazardous driving conditions, flooding, and extended road closures on mountain passes and other roadways throughout the lowlands and high elevations statewide; and

WHEREAS, melting snow, saturated soils, and additional rainstorms are predicted to increase flooding as rivers and streams continue to rise throughout the state of Washington; and

WHEREAS, the widespread flooding is causing road closures, evacuations, the need to establish alternate transportation routes, impacts to local utility services, and damage to public and private property and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the present damage and threat of ongoing damage from these storms and the resultant flooding impact the life and health of our people as well as the property and infrastructure of Washington State, all of which constitute a public disaster that affects life, health, property or the public peace; and

WHEREAS, state agencies and local jurisdictions are coordinating resources to address damaged property and infrastructure, assess damage caused by the storms, and implement repairs; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Military Department has activated the State Emergency Operations Center, implemented emergency response procedures, is coordinating 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 event.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay R. Inslee, 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 throughout 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 event. Additionally, the Washington Military Department, Emergency Management Division, is instructed to coordinate all event-related assistance to the affected

areas.

FURTHERMORE, as a result of this incident, I also hereby order into active state service the organized militia of Washington State to include the National Guard and the State Guard, or such part thereof as may be necessary in the opinion of The Adjutant General, to perform such duties as directed by competent authority of the Washington Military Department in addressing this situation.

ADDITIONALLY, the Washington State Emergency Operations Center is instructed to coordinate all incident-related assistance to the affected areas.

Signed and sealed with the official seal of the state of Washington on this 7th day of January, A.D., Two Thousand and Twenty-Two at Olympia, Washington.

By:

/s/
Jay Inslee, Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR:

/s/
Secretary of State