STATE OF WASHINGTON
Office of the Governor

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

15-02

WHEREAS, on January 7, 2015, I issued Proclamation 15-01, proclaiming a State of Emergency for Grays Harbor, King, Kittitas, Lewis, Pacific, Pierce, Skagit, Wahkiakum, and Whatcom counties as a result of roadway damage and closures caused by extreme rainfall from a significant winter storm combined with unseasonable snowmelt that compounded preexisting soil saturation conditions, flooding, slope erosion and landslides; and

WHEREAS, as the Washington State Department of Transportation continued to assess damage caused by the storm and implement repairs, it became evident that the storm also resulted in roadway damage in Cowlitz County requiring temporary roadway closures and limited access; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost to repair the damage to roads resulting from this storm continues to exceed $3,000,000, and emergency conditions continue to necessitate temporary closure of and limited access to affected roadways, requiring the approval of Washington's Secretary of Transportation to commence work immediately to repair the affected roadways through the implementation of emergency procurement procedures to alleviate impacts to public safety; and

WHEREAS, 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, and is a public disaster that affects life, health, property, or the public peace; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of Transportation and local jurisdictions are continuing to coordinate resources to repair the roadways, assess the damage caused by the storm, and implement damage repairs.

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 Proclamation 15-01 remains in effect and that a State of Emergency also exists in Cowlitz County, in addition to the counties identified in Proclamation 15-01. 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 event.

Signed and sealed with the official seal of the state of Washington this 30th day of January, A.D., Two Thousand and Fifteen at Olympia, Washington.

By:

_____/s/_____
Jay Inslee, Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR:

_____/s/_____
Secretary of State