



## PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

15-04

**WHEREAS**, on February 9, 2015, an oversized load being transported under Interstate 5 in Pierce County, Washington, struck an overpass near mile post 120 adjacent to the Joint Base Lewis-McChord main gate; and

**WHEREAS**, the overpass structure sustained substantial damage requiring replacement of one girder and the repair of additional damage to other components, resulting in closure of the shoulder of Interstate 5 near the overpass until damage repairs can be completed; and

**WHEREAS**, the estimated cost to repair the damage from the collision is \$790,000, and emergency conditions require approval of Washington's Secretary of Transportation to commence work immediately to repair the affected roadway 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.

**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 in Pierce 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

