

JAY INSLEE
Governor



STATE OF WASHINGTON
Office of the Governor

**PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR
15-10**

WHEREAS, on May 21, 2015, an oversize load being transported on Interstate 5 in Whatcom County, Washington, struck an overpass near mile post 270; and

WHEREAS, the overpass structure sustained substantial damage, which required replacement of one girder and the repair of additional damage to other components, resulting in the 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 \$961,000, and emergency conditions require approval of Washington's Secretary of Transportation to commence work immediately to repair the affected roadway, and alleviate impacts to public safety, through the implementation of emergency procurement procedures; 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 Whatcom 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 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 10th day of June, A.D., Two Thousand and Fifteen at Olympia, Washington.

By:

_____/s/
Jay Inslee, Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR:

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Secretary of State