



**PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR
AMENDING PROCLAMATION 25-01**

25-01.1

“Bomb Cyclone” Storm Damage

WHEREAS, on January 7, 2025, former Governor Jay R. Inslee issued Proclamation 25-01, proclaiming a state of emergency in nine counties due to a significant weather event beginning November 17 and lasting through November 25, 2024, in the form of a series of storm events including a “bomb cyclone,” which caused widespread damage from straight line winds, heavy rainfall, flooding, landslides, and mudslides; and

WHEREAS, the counties of Clallam, Grays Harbor, Island, King, Pacific, Snohomish, Wahkiakum, Walla Walla, and Whatcom experienced severe impacts and critical challenges that threatened public health, safety, and economic stability; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that, as a result of the series of storm events, two additional counties, Chelan and Jefferson, also experienced severe impacts and critical challenges as described in Proclamation 25-01 and below; and

WHEREAS, the series of storms resulted in substantial damage to infrastructure, including power outages that affected hundreds of thousands of residents, disruptions in road and other transportation networks, and significant risks to public safety, with certain regions having experienced hazardous conditions; and

WHEREAS, the storms caused significant damage to approximately 600 homes and businesses, and extensive damage to public highways, public utilities, and electrical power systems; and

WHEREAS, state agencies and local jurisdictions coordinated resources to address damage to residences and public utilities, and assess damage caused by the storms; and

WHEREAS, the degree and dimension of storm damages including the cost of repairs and ongoing impacts currently exceed \$41 million, and the effects of the storms continue to impact the life and health of the people as well as property and infrastructure of Washington state, all of which constitute a public disaster that affects life, health, property, or public peace; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Disaster Individual Assistance Program, established by the Washington State Military Department and under the direction and control of the Governor pursuant to RCW 38.52.030(9), may allocate such funds appropriated each year by the Legislature through this program to assist individuals in areas affected by a disaster; and

WHEREAS, due to the current lack of available funding in the Washington State Disaster Individual Assistance Program, former Governor Inslee directed the Department of Commerce to transfer \$1 million in emergency funding to the Program to assist as many eligible individuals as possible; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Military Department has been monitoring and coordinating supporting actions through the State Emergency Operations Center, implementing emergency response and recovery procedures, and coordinating resources to support local officials in alleviating the immediate social and economic impacts to people, property, and infrastructure, and continuing to assess the magnitude of the event.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Ferguson, 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 Clallam, Grays Harbor, Island, King, Pacific, Snohomish, Wahkiakum, Walla Walla, Whatcom, Chelan, and Jefferson Counties, that Proclamation 25-01 remains in effect for the counties originally named, and that Proclamation 25-01 is amended to include Chelan and Jefferson counties. I direct the plans and procedures in the Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan to be implemented in these counties. State agencies and departments are directed to utilize state resources in accordance with the Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and to do everything reasonably possible to assist affected political subdivisions in an effort to respond to and recover from the incident.

As a result of this event and the circumstances outlined above, and under the provisions of RCW 38.52.030(9), the previous activation of the implementation of the Washington State Disaster Individual Assistance Program through the Military Department, as outlined in chapter 118-11 of the Washington Administrative Code, remains in place for King, Snohomish, and Whatcom Counties. The purpose of this activation was and is to provide recovery assistance and support to impacted individuals and households, subject to the availability and allocation of funding to and by the Military Department for specific assistance programs.

Signed and sealed with the official seal of the state of Washington this 13th day of March A.D., two thousand and twenty-five at Olympia, Washington.

By

/s/

Bob Ferguson
Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR

/s/

Secretary of State