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**PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR**

**08-05**

**WHEREAS**, a truck towing an over-height load struck an I-5 overpass on July 10, 2008, in Skagit County, Washington, causing extensive damage to the overpass which continues to impact the citizens, property, and infrastructure of Washington State; and

The estimated cost to correct the damage is \$1,115,000, requiring the approval of the Secretary of Washington State's Department of Transportation to commence repair work. An emergency condition restricting traffic to weight limits exists on the overpass. Conditions warrant emergency contracting procedures; and

The Washington State Department of Transportation is coordinating resources to repair the overpass to alleviate the immediate impacts upon the infrastructure and is continuing to assess the magnitude of this event.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Christine O. Gregoire, 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 Skagit County in the State of Washington, and direct the plans and procedures to 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of July, A.D, Two Thousand and Eight at Olympia, Washington.

By:

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Christine O. Gregoire  
Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR:

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Secretary of State