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PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR 11-01

WHEREAS, a series of severe winter storms occurred in Western Washington between December 8 and December 18, 2010, threatening citizens and property of Washington State; and

These storms produced snow, high winds, and heavy precipitation, resulting in saturated soils, extensive flooding, landslides, power outages and avalanches, and causing extensive damage to homes, businesses, highways, public utilities, public facilities, and infrastructures in Clallam, Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, Jefferson, King, Kitsap, Klickitat, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, Pierce, Skagit, Skamania, Snohomish, Thurston, Wahkiakum, and Whatcom counties; and

The Washington State Military Department activated the state Emergency Operations Center, implemented response procedures, and coordinated resources to support local officials in alleviating the immediate social and economic impacts to people, property, and infrastructure, and is continuing to assess the magnitude of the 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 Clallam, Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, Jefferson, King, Kitsap, Klickitat, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, Pierce, Skagit, Skamania, Snohomish, Thurston, Wahkiakum, and Whatcom counties, 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 affected political subdivisions in an effort to respond to and recover from the event. Additionally, the Washington State Military Department, Emergency Management Division is instructed to coordinate all incident-related assistance to the affected areas.

Signed and sealed with the official seal of the state of Washington this 12th day of January, A.D, Two Thousand and Eleven at Olympia, Washington.

/s/ D. Gregoire