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PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR
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WHEREAS, a semi truck carrying an over-height load struck the Court Street overpass over US 395 in Franklin County, Washington, on January 14, 2011, causing significant girder damage to the overpass requiring extensive repairs impacting public safety, travel and access; and

The estimated cost to repair the damage is over \$1,000,000, and the overpass repair project will restrict pedestrian and vehicle traffic on and around the overpass, interrupt traffic on US 395 and Court Street, and cause inconvenience affecting public health and safety; and

The Washington State Department of Transportation is coordinating resources to repair the overpass to alleviate the immediate impacts upon the infrastructure and public safety, is continuing to assess the damage caused by this incident, and is working to implement damage repairs; and

The impact of this incident to the life and health of our citizens, as well as the property and transportation infrastructure of Washington State, is a public disaster that affects life, health, property and public peace.

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 Franklin 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 affected political subdivisions in an effort to respond to and recover from the incident.

Signed and sealed with the official seal of the state of Washington this 28th day of January, A.D. Two Thousand and Eleven at Olympia, Washington.

By:

/s/

Christine O. Gregoire
Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR:

/s/

Secretary of State