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PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

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WHEREAS, a series of winter storms producing high winds and rain occurred in parts of western Washington from February 17, 2012, through March 16, 2012; and

Extreme rainfall produced from these storms resulted in saturated soils, landslides, and slope erosion causing extensive damage to SR 501 in Clark County and SR 3 in Mason County that has restricted vehicle travel, caused closures, limited access to the affected areas, and caused inconvenience affecting public health and safety; and

The estimated cost to repair the road damage is over \$1,250,000, requiring the approval of Washington's Secretary of Transportation to commence work to repair the affected roadways. Emergency conditions have caused and may continue to warrant temporary closure of or limited access to affected roadways and implementation of emergency procurement procedures; and

The Washington State Department of Transportation and local jurisdictions are coordinating resources to repair the roadway, continuing to assess the damage caused by these storms, and working to implement damage repairs; and

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, 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 Clark and Mason counties 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 event.

Signed and sealed with the official seal of the state of Washington this 24th day of March, A.D. Two-thousand and Twelve at Olympia, Washington.

By:

/s/

Christine O. Gregoire
Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR:

/s/

Secretary of State