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PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR AMENDING PROCLAMATION 12-12

12-13

WHEREAS, on September 13, 2012, I issued Proclamation 12-12, proclaiming a state of emergency in all counties East of the crest of the Cascade Mountains of Washington State due to current and projected weather conditions, existing fire fuel conditions that present a continuing high risk of severe wildfires, and ongoing multiple wildfires requiring significant levels of limited state and local fire fighting resources; and

The threat to life and property from wildfires remains extreme, threatening extensive additional damage to homes, public facilities, businesses, public utilities, and infrastructure impacting the life and health of our citizens throughout Eastern Washington, all of which affect the life, health, property, or the public peace, and was declared in Proclamation 12-12 to be a public disaster demanding immediate action; and

As the Washington State Emergency Operations Center has continued to assess the extreme wildfire danger from these conditions and current weather forecasts for the next four days, it has become evident that these existing high risk fuel conditions present an active burning environment with extremely high potential for producing new and multiple wildfires on public and private lands in all counties in Eastern Washington; and

This extreme danger of new and multiple wildfires in all counties in Eastern Washington and the elevated risks of new fires also create conditions threatening severe deterioration of air quality over the next four days with air quality values in the affected area ranging from unhealthy to hazardous, which exacerbates the risk to life, health, and property; and

Based on these elevated risks of new and multiple wildfires, threats to air quality, and limited availability of fire fighting resources, outdoor burning activities should be prohibited to help preserve and maintain 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 38.08, 38.52 and 43.06 RCW, do hereby proclaim that that Proclamation 12-12 remains in effect in all counties East of the crest of the Cascade Mountains in the state of Washington, and I again direct the plans and procedures of the *Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan* be implemented. State agencies and departments are again 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 and the Washington State Emergency Operations Center is again instructed to coordinate all event-related assistance to the affected areas.

Under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(1)(i), to preserve and maintain life, health, property or the public peace, I also hereby impose a temporary outdoor burn ban by prohibiting all outdoor and agricultural burning in the area affected by this proclamation until midnight on Tuesday, September 18, 2012. Outdoor burning includes but is not limited to campfires, bonfires, residential yard debris clean-up, trash disposal, land clearing, weed abatement, agricultural burning activity, and ignition of fireworks. Liquid fueled or gas-fueled stoves are permitted provided the use is over a non-flammable surface and at least five feet from flammable vegetation. Charcoal grills are permitted at private residences provided the use is over a non-flammable surface and at least five feet from flammable surface so the provided the use is or provisions of the counties, municipalities, fire districts, or other political subdivisions, or public or private landowners. Nothing in this order supersedes fire permits issued by a local authority after the effective date of this proclamation that provide specific written approval for the prescribed burning activity. This order does not apply to firefighting activities by authorized firefighters acting in accordance with the firefighting plan.

All persons are advised of potential criminal penalties for violation of this order pursuant to RCW 43.06.220.

Signed and sealed with the official seal of the state of Washington this 14th day of September, A.D, Two Thousand and Twelve at Olympia, Washington.

By:

/s/ Christine O. Gregoire Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR:

/s/

Secretary of State