



STATE OF WASHINGTON
— OFFICE OF GOVERNOR JAY INSLEE —

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

25-01

“Bomb Cyclone” Storm Damage

WHEREAS, the State of Washington has experienced a significant weather event beginning November 17 and lasting through November 25, 2024, in the form of a “bomb cyclone,” which caused widespread damage from straight line winds, heavy rainfall, flooding, landslides, and mudslides; and

WHEREAS, the affected counties, include Clallam, Grays Harbor, Island, King, Pacific, Snohomish, Wahkiakum, Walla Walla, and Whatcom, experienced severe impacts, with numerous areas facing critical challenges that threaten public health, safety, and economic stability; and

WHEREAS, the bomb cyclone has resulted in substantial damage to infrastructure, including power outages affecting hundreds of thousands of residents, disruptions in transportation networks, and significant risks to public safety, with certain regions experiencing hazardous conditions; and

WHEREAS, this storm caused significant damage to approximately 600 homes and businesses, and extensive damage to public utilities and electrical power systems; and

WHEREAS, state agencies and local jurisdictions coordinated resources to address damages to residences and public utilities, and to assess damage caused by the storms; and

WHEREAS, the degree and dimension of storm damages including the cost of repairs and ongoing impacts currently exceed \$41 million, and the effects of the storms continue to impact the life and health of the people as well as property and infrastructure of Washington State, all of which constitute a public disaster that affects life, health, property, or public peace; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Disaster Individual Assistance Program, established by the Washington State Military Department and under the direction and control of the governor pursuant to RCW 38.52.030(9), may allocate such funds appropriated each year by the legislature through this program to assist individuals in areas affected by a disaster; and

WHEREAS, due to the current lack of available funding in the Washington State Disaster Individual Assistance Program, the governor directed the Department of Commerce to transfer \$1 million in emergency funding to the Program to assist as many eligible individuals as possible; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Military Department has been monitoring and coordinating supporting actions through the State Emergency Operations Center, implementing emergency response and recovery procedures, and is coordinating 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, Jay R. Inslee, 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, Grays Harbor, Island, King, Pacific, Snohomish, Wahkiakum, Walla Walla, and Whatcom 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 in accordance with the Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and to do everything reasonably possible to assist affected political subdivisions in an effort to respond to and recover from the incident.

As a result of this event and the circumstances outlined above, and under the provisions of RCW 38.52.030(9), I am activating the implementation of the Washington State Disaster Individual Assistance Program through the Military Department, as outlined in WAC Chapter 118-11, for King, Snohomish, and Whatcom counties. The purpose of this activation is to provide recovery assistance and support to impacted individuals and households, subject to the availability and allocation of funding to and by the Military Department for specific assistance programs.

Signed and sealed with the official seal of the state of Washington this 7th day of January A.D., two thousand and twenty-five at Olympia, Washington.

By

/s/

Jay Inslee
Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR

/s/

Secretary of State