EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 17-05

DETERMINATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY IN COOS, CURRY, DOUGLAS, JOSEPHINE, MULTNOMAH, AND TILLAMOOK COUNTIES DUE TO A SEVERE WINTER STORM THAT INCLUDES HIGH WINDS, FLOODING, AND LANDSLIDES

Pursuant to ORS 401.165, I find that severe winter storms have created a threat to life, safety, property, and have caused significant damage to the state roads on the federal-aid highway system, resulting in a natural disaster in Coos, Curry, Douglas, Josephine, Multnomah, and Tillamook Counties. Beginning December 14, 2016, and continuing through March 2017, these severe storms have resulted in extreme temperatures, heavy snow and ice, rain, high winds, flooding, landslides, and erosion at various locations within these jurisdictions, resulting in critical transportation failures, loss of power and communications capabilities, and evacuations and sheltering needs. This storm system damaged state highways throughout the jurisdictions with scour, washouts, sinkholes, serious debris flows and mudslides.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DIRECTED AND ORDERED:

1. Pursuant to ORS 401.165, an emergency has occurred in the above-identified counties and a state of emergency is hereby declared.

2. The Oregon Department of Transportation shall provide appropriate assistance and seek federal resources to effect repair and reconstruction of the estimated 4.7 million dollars of damages and impact to the federal aid highway system in above identified jurisdictions.

Done at Salem, Oregon, this 13th day of April, 2017.

Kate Brown
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Dennis Richardson
SECRETARY OF STATE