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DETERMINATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY IN COOS, CURRY, DESCHUTES, DOUGLAS, JACKSON, JOSEPHINE, KLAMATH, LANE, LINN, AND MARION COUNTIES DUE TO A SEVERE WINTER STORM THAT INCLUDES HEAVY SNOW AND ICE ACCUMULATION, HIGH WINDS, FLOODING, AND LANDSLIDES

Pursuant to ORS 401.165, I find a potential threat to life, safety, property, and significant damage to infrastructure exists due to severe winter storms that have caused and continue to cause a natural disaster throughout the state. Beginning February 24, 2019, and continuing, these severe storms are causing heavy snow and ice accumulation, high winds, flooding, landslides, and erosion at various locations throughout the state, resulting in critical transportation failures, loss of power and communications capabilities, and emergency mass care needs.

IT IS ORDERED AND DIRECTED:

1. The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) shall activate the State’s Emergency Operations Plan and Emergency Coordination Center, and shall coordinate access to and use of personnel and equipment of all state agencies necessary to assess, alleviate, respond to, mitigate, or recover from conditions caused by this emergency. OEM shall coordinate all essential protective measures in support of identified disaster areas to protect lives, property, and the environment.

2. OEM shall work with neighboring states where needed to ensure coordinated response and mitigation actions.

3. The Oregon National Guard, Oregon State Police, Oregon Public Utility Commission, Oregon Department of Human Services, and Oregon Health Authority shall provide any assistance that is deemed necessary to assist in the response to this emergency and to provide all necessary support to statewide response, recovery, and mitigation efforts. All other state agencies shall be prepared to assist as requested by OEM.

4. The Oregon Department of Transportation shall provide appropriate assistance and seek federal resources to ensure repair and reconstruction of damage and impacts to the federal highway system in above identified jurisdictions.
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5. This state of emergency shall exist for thirty days unless terminated sooner by the governor.

Done at Salem, Oregon, this 28th day of February, 2019.

Kate Brown
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Acting, SECRETARY OF STATE