The State of Washington

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Washington State has experienced severe winter weather emergencies in the past, and scientific evidence indicates the state remains vulnerable to winter weather emergencies in the future; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of our state need to prepare themselves to be self-sufficient for at least three days following any natural or man-made disaster; and

WHEREAS, the loss of life and property damage can be greatly reduced if appropriate winter weather preparedness measures are taken before, during, and after a winter weather emergency; and

WHEREAS, state agencies and state employees should be prepared so they can continue to provide essential public services after a winter weather emergency and support the state's disaster response and recovery mission; and

WHEREAS, the importance of practicing winter weather preparedness will be highlighted during the month of October as the Military Department, Emergency Management Division, and city and county emergency management agencies throughout the state promote winter weather awareness; and

WHEREAS, the states of Oregon and Idaho will partner with the state of Washington and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) in winter weather preparedness efforts;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gary Locke, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim October 3-9, 2004, as

Winter Weather Awareness Week

in Washington State, and I urge all citizens to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 15th day of September, 2004

Gary Locke

Governor Gary Locke

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