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PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

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WHEREAS, there is an imminent danger of an infestation of the non-native plant pests Asian gypsy moth and European gypsy moth (*Lymantria dispar L.*) in the following areas: Martha Lake, Snohomish County (699 acres), Asian gypsy moth; Gilberton, Kitsap County (299) acres, European gypsy moth; Crosby, Kitsap County (438 acres) European gypsy moth; Union/Novelty Hill, King County (270 acres), European gypsy moth; and

WHEREAS, this imminent danger of infestation seriously endangers the agricultural and horticultural industries of the state of Washington and seriously threatens the economic well-being and quality of life of state residents; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Department of Agriculture has prepared an Environmental Assessment and issued a determination of non-significance tiered to federal agency environmental reviews for gypsy moth management in the United States; and

WHEREAS, after thorough evaluation of other alternatives and in accordance with RCW 17.24.171, the Director of the Department of Agriculture has requested that I order emergency measures to prevent or abate the infestation; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture proposes as the preferred alternative to use aerial spray applications of the biological insecticide containing the bacterium *Bacilus thuringiensus var. kurstaki* (*Btk*) (Foray 48B, EPA Reg. No. 73049-427) to kill the gypsy moth in its instar (caterpillar) stage beginning in early May 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture proposes to conduct aerial spraying with *Btk* under National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit #WA0039047 issued by the Department of Ecology for the purpose of invasive moth control.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, by virtue of the authority vested in me under RCW 43.06.010(13), as a result of the above-noted situation,

after evaluation of other alternatives and in accordance with RCW 17.24.171, do hereby order the Director of the Department of Agriculture to use emergency measures as necessary in the above-noted areas to effect the eradication of the Asian and European gypsy moth, which may include the use of aerial applications of *Btk*.

Signed and sealed with the official seal of the state of Washington this 23rd day of April, A.D. Two-thousand and Nineteen at Olympia, Washington.

By:

_____/s/_____
Jay Inslee, Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR:

_____/s/_____
Secretary of State