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PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR
AMENDING PROCLAMATION 20-05

20-63
Department of Social and Health Services -
Family Emergency Assistance Program

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, I issued Proclamation 20-05, proclaiming a State of Emergency for all counties throughout Washington State of as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak in the United States and confirmed person-to-person spread of COVID-19 in Washington State; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the continued worldwide spread of COVID-19, its significant progression in Washington State, and the high risk it poses to our most vulnerable populations, I have subsequently issued amendatory Proclamations 20-06 through 20-53, and 20-55 through 20-62, exercising my emergency powers under RCW 43.06.220 by prohibiting certain activities and waiving and suspending specified laws and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 disease, caused by a virus that spreads easily from person to person, which may result in serious illness or death and has been classified by the World Health Organization as a worldwide pandemic, has broadly spread throughout Washington State and remains a significant health risk to all of our people, especially members of our most vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the global COVID-19 pandemic and its impacts on Washington State, many members of our workforce are suffering significant economic hardship and in some cases family financial resources are becoming severely limited; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the economic impacts of the global COVID-19 pandemic on Washington State, many families with children are receiving benefits under the Family Emergency Assistance Program, established by the Department of Social and Health Services pursuant to RCW 74.04.660; and

WHEREAS, Washington State individuals and families without children are also suffering significant economic hardship caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and require assistance, but individuals and families without children normally are not eligible to receive benefits under the Family Emergency Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS, under RCW 74.04.660(6), during a state of emergency the Governor is authorized to extend eligibility for benefits under the Family Emergency Assistance Program to individuals and families without children; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, I issued Proclamation 20-18 which, among other things, expanded eligibility for benefits under the Family Emergency Assistance Program to individuals and families without children; and

WHEREAS, the extension under Proclamation 20-18 of eligibility for benefits under the Family Emergency Assistance Program to individuals and families without children, subsequently has been incorporated into and extended by Proclamations 20-52 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Health indicates that as of the date of this Proclamation, COVID-19 cases and associated deaths continue to increase, demonstrating the ongoing, present threat of this lethal disease,

WHEREAS, the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic and its progression in Washington State continue to threaten the life and health of our people as well as the economy of Washington State, and remain a public disaster affecting life, health, property or the public peace; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of Health continues to maintain a Public Health Incident Management Team in coordination with the State Emergency Operations Center and other supporting state agencies to manage the public health aspects of the incident; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Military Department Emergency Management Division, through the State Emergency Operations Center, continues coordinating resources across state government to support the Department of Health and local health officials in alleviating the impacts to people, property, and infrastructure, and continues coordinating with the Department of Health in assessing the impacts and long-term effects of the incident on Washington State and its people.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, as a result of the above-noted situation, and under Chapters 38.08, 38.52 and 43.06 RCW, do hereby proclaim that a State of Emergency continues to exist in all counties of Washington State, that Proclamation 20-05, as amended, remains in effect, and that Proclamations 20-52 et seq., is amended to remove the extension of eligibility for benefits under the Family Emergency Assistance Program to include individuals and families without children from Proclamations 20-52 et seq., and to enact it herein as a stand-alone proclamation.

ACCORDINGLY, pursuant to RCW 43.06.220(2)(c) and RCW 74.04.660(6), I authorize and direct the Secretary of the Department of Social and Health Services to expand eligibility for the Family Emergency Assistance Program to include individuals and families without children. This authorization and order is in effect until otherwise ordered or the end of the declared COVID-19 pandemic state of emergency.

I again direct that the plans and procedures of the *Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan* be implemented throughout state government. State agencies and departments are directed to continue utilizing state resources and doing everything reasonably possible to support implementation of the *Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan* and to assist affected political subdivisions in an effort to respond to and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

As a result of this event, I continue to order into active state service the organized militia of Washington State to include the National Guard and the State Guard, or such part thereof as may be necessary in the opinion of The Adjutant General to address the circumstances described above, to perform such duties as directed by competent authority of the Washington State Military Department in addressing the outbreak. Additionally, I continue to direct the DOH, the Washington State Military Department Emergency Management Division, and other agencies to identify and provide appropriate personnel for conducting necessary and ongoing incident related assessments.

Violators of this order may be subject to criminal penalties pursuant to RCW 43.06.220(5).

Signed and sealed with the official seal of the state of Washington on this 9th day of July, A.D., Two Thousand and Twenty at Olympia, Washington.

By:

/s/
Jay Inslee, Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR:

/s/
Secretary of State