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PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR
AMENDING PROCLAMATION 20-05

20-69

Residency for Tuition Waivers

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 20-67 exercising my emergency powers under RCW 43.06.220 by prohibiting certain activities and waiving and suspending specified laws and regulations, including issuance of Proclamation 20-25 as amended, *Safe Start – Stay Healthy*; 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, the Department of Health indicates that cases of COVID-19 in Washington State and associated deaths continue to increase, demonstrating the ongoing, present threat of this lethal disease; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 epidemic has hindered the ability of institutions of higher education in Washington State to safely provide in-person classes, resulting in most institutions opting to provide primarily remote instruction, and many current students are now living and participating in their higher education from locations outside of Washington State; and

WHEREAS, universities that have recently reopened their campuses for in-person classes have within the last week experienced new outbreaks of COVID-19 among students; and

WHEREAS, Washington State's six public universities employ graduate students to perform teaching and research functions, and tuition waivers are a part of the compensation provided by contract to these employees, and many graduate students come from outside the state and country and are working remotely within online learning environments; and

WHEREAS, RCW 28B.15.014 allows universities to grant tuition waivers, but requires waiver recipients to reside within Washington State. It is therefore necessary to waive a portion of this statute to allow waiver recipients to comply with the Proclamation 20-25, et seq., to assist in reducing the spread of COVID-19 by working remotely, and to continue providing teaching and research functions for the universities and their students; and

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 Proclamation 20-05 is amended to waive and suspend portions of RCW 28B 15.014, through 11:59 p.m. on September 25, 2020, because they prevent, hinder or delay necessary action to prevent the further spread of COVID-19, until 11:59 p.m. on September 25, 2020.

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.

FURTHERMORE, based on the above noted situation and under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(1)(g), I also find that strict compliance with the following portions of RCW 28B.15.014 will prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action for coping with the COVID-19 State of Emergency in the provision of educational services to Washington State higher education students and that the language of each statutory provision specified below is hereby waived and suspended as provided herein until midnight on September 25, 2020:

- Sec. (1), the following words only: "who resides in the state of Washington and"; and
- Sec. (2), the following words only: "who resides in the state of Washington,"

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 26th day of August, A.D., Two Thousand and Twenty at Olympia, Washington.

By:

/s/
Jay Inslee, Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR:

/s/
Secretary of State