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PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR
AMENDING PROCLAMATIONS 20-05 AND 20-46, et seq.

20-46.2
High-Risk Employees – Workers' Rights

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, I issued Proclamation 20-05, proclaiming a State of Emergency for all counties throughout Washington State 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 the state of Washington; 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 20-63, 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, continues to broadly spread throughout the state of Washington, significantly increasing the threat of serious associated health risks statewide; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that groups at higher risk of severe illness or death from COVID-19 are those over 65 years of age, and people of any age who have certain chronic underlying health conditions; and

WHEREAS, on April 14, 2020, I issued Proclamation 20-46 to protect our public and private sector workers in high-risk categories from the significant life, health and safety risks of the COVID-19 disease, requiring employers to seek any and all options for alternative work arrangements and to protect these workers from certain impacts to their employment and benefits; and

WHEREAS, on June 9, 2020, I issued Proclamation 20-46.1 extending the prohibitions in Proclamation 20-46 until August 1, 2020, or as further amended; 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 state economy, 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 to coordinate 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 to coordinate 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 RCW 38.08, 38.52, and 43.06, do hereby proclaim: that a State of Emergency continues to exist in all counties of Washington State; that Proclamation 20-05 and all amendments thereto remain in effect; and that Proclamations 20-05 and 20-46, et seq., are amended to extend all of the prohibitions therein through the duration of the current state of emergency initially proclaimed in Proclamation 20-05, or until otherwise rescinded or amended.

ADDITIONALLY, for clarification of the prohibitions contained in this proclamation:

> "High-risk employees" is defined as described or defined in the guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and as further clarified by guidance found here.

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.

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 Department of Health, 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 29th day of July, A.D., Two Thousand and Twenty at Olympia, Washington.

By:

/s/
Jay Inslee, Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR:

/s/
Secretary of State