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PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR
AMENDING PROCLAMATIONS 20-05 and 20-59

20-59.1
Department of Health – Temporary Practice Permits

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 20-63, 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, 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, health professionals and epidemiological modeling experts indicate that the spread of COVID-19, if left unchecked, continues to threaten to overwhelm portions of Washington's public and private health-care system and healthcare workers are essential to meeting Washington State healthcare needs and critical in responding to the COVID-19 epidemic; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 epidemic has hindered the ability of recent graduates to obtain licenses and enter the health care workforce, which threatens Washingtonians' ability to promptly access care; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Health is responsible for administering the licensing statutes and rules relating to healthcare providers in the State of Washington; and

WHEREAS, to remove barriers to adding health care staffing capacity to meet the demands of the COVID-19 response, it is necessary to immediately waive and suspend portions of the licensing and administrative statutes and rules relating to the issuance of Temporary Practice Permits (TPP) for healthcare workers who have recently graduated from professional health care programs in dentistry, pharmacy, and dental hygiene; and

WHEREAS, on June 19, 2020, I issued Proclamation 20-59, waiving and suspending statutes and prohibiting certain activities relating to the issuance of TTPs for healthcare workers; and

WHEREAS, on July 14, 2020, under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(4), the statutory waivers and suspensions of Proclamation 20-59 were extended by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or August 1, 2020; 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 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 and all amendments thereto remain in effect, and that Proclamations 20-05 and 20-59 are amended to (1) recognize the extension of statutory waivers and suspensions therein by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or 11:59 p.m. on August 1, 2020, whichever occurs first, and (2) similarly extend the prohibitions and the waiver and suspension of rules therein until termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or 11:59 p.m. on August 1, 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 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 15th day of July, A.D., Two Thousand and Twenty at Olympia, Washington.

By:

/s/
Jay Inslee, Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR:

/s/
Secretary of State