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PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR
AMENDING PROCLAMATIONS 20-05, 20-06, 20-07, 20-08, 20-09, 20-10, and 20-11

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WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, I issued Proclamation 20-05, proclaiming a State of Emergency for all counties throughout the state of Washington 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, 20-07, 20-08, 20-09, 20-10, and 20-11, exercising my emergency powers under RCW 43.06.220 by prohibiting certain activities and waiving and suspending specified laws and regulations; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 continues to spread throughout Washington State with no expectation of ending soon, and is currently expected to result in the confirmed number of cases doubling in the Puget Sound region every five to seven days; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has classified the global spread of COVID-19 as a pandemic and urges immediate action to stem the spread of the disease; and

WHEREAS, to curtail the spread of COVID-19 in Washington State, it is necessary to implement additional stringent social distancing and other measures to limit opportunities for disease transmission, especially in those areas of our state experiencing the most severe outbreaks; and

WHEREAS, many public and private universities, colleges, technical schools, apprenticeship programs, and similar schools and programs have already cancelled classes or implemented alternative learning options to address social distancing recommendations; and

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

WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) 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 DOH and local health officials in alleviating the impacts to people, property, and infrastructure, and continues coordinating with the DOH 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 Proclamations 20-05, 20-06, 20-07, 20-08, 20-09, 20-10, and 20-11, remain in effect, and that Proclamation 20-05 is amended to prohibit all public and private universities, colleges, technical schools, apprenticeship programs, and similar schools and programs from conducting in-person classes in all counties of Washington State. 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 situation and under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(1)(h), to help preserve and maintain life, health, property or the public peace, I hereby prohibit the following activities in all counties of Washington State related to the operation of all public and private public and private universities, colleges, technical schools, apprenticeship and similar programs, which restrictions shall remain in effect from 12:01 a.m. on March 17, 2020, until 12:00 p.m. on April 24, 2020, unless extended beyond that date:

> All public and private universities, colleges, technical schools, apprenticeship and similar programs are prohibited from conducting in-person classroom instruction and lectures related to all educational and apprenticeship related programs.
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> This prohibition does not apply to the conduct and operation of school and program affiliated labs and clinics, if either (1) social distancing measures are strictly implemented and monitored by designated school officials or (2) clinical protocols that are in alignment with public health guidelines are followed.
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> Nothing in this Proclamation shall be construed to apply to the conduct and operation of dormitory services, general administrative services, safety programs, research or medical facilities.

Nothing in this Proclamation is intended to prevent institutions from taking appropriate steps to preserve accreditation, student financial aid or student visa status.

Violators of this 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 13th day of March, A.D., Two Thousand and Twenty at Olympia, Washington.

By:

/s/
Jay Inslee, Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR:

/s/
Secretary of State