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**PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR
AMENDING PROCLAMATION 20-05 AND
AMENDING, REINSTATING, AND EXTENDING
PROCLAMATION 20-45, et seq.**

**20-45.5
Protection Orders and Personal Service**

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 through 20-53 and 20-55 through 20-64, 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 Washington State, significantly increasing the threat of serious associated health risks statewide; and

WHEREAS, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and consistent with directives from public health agencies such as the World Health Organization, the federal Center for Disease Control, and the State of Washington Department of Health, the Governor has issued amendatory Proclamations 20-25, et seq., *Safe Start, Stay Healthy* restricting Washington residents' movement outside their homes; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement agencies, advocates, and service providers nationally continue to report an increase in domestic violence reports; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence survivors rely on protection orders for their immediate safety and to mitigate the danger of domestic violence survivors' efforts to separate from

their abusers and other situations with heightened risk of lethality, making access to emergency protection orders vital to public safety, making access to expedient court review, processing, and service of orders essential; and

WHEREAS, waiving certain statutory requirements for personal service and certain statutory requirements for in-person hearings that may not be necessary or appropriate for the individual case will minimize personal contacts that could contribute to the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on April 10, 2020, I issued Proclamation 20-45, waiving and suspending certain statutes; and

WHEREAS, all of the four members who comprise the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives who are required to agree to extensions for certain emergency proclamations did not agree to extend all of the statutory waivers and suspensions set forth in Proclamation 20-45 as required by RCW 43.06.220(4), and the statutory waivers and extensions set forth in Proclamation 20-45 therefore expired at 11:59 p.m. on May 10, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on May 15, 2020, under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(4), the statutory waivers and suspensions of Proclamation 20-45 were reinstated and extended by the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or June 15, 2020, whichever occurs first, and which I acknowledged and similarly extended the prohibitions therein until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or June 15, 2020 in Proclamation 20-45.1, which was reissued to correct a technical issues but otherwise unchanged by Proclamation 20-45.2; and

WHEREAS, on June 15, 2020, pursuant to the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(4), the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives agreed to amend, reinstate, and extend the statutory waivers and suspensions contained in Proclamation 20-45, et seq., as described herein until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or 11:59 p.m. on July 1, 2020, whichever occurs first, and which I acknowledged and similarly extended the prohibitions therein until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or July 1, 2020 in Proclamation 20-45.3; and

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2020, pursuant to the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(4), the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives agreed to amend, reinstate, and extend the statutory waivers and suspensions contained in Proclamation 20-45, et seq., as described herein until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or 11:59 p.m. on August 1, 2020, whichever occurs first, and which I acknowledged and similarly extended the prohibitions therein until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or August 1, 2020 in Proclamation 20-45.4; and

WHEREAS, on July 30, 2020, pursuant to the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(4), the leadership of the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives agreed to amend, reinstate, and extend the statutory waivers and suspensions contained in Proclamation 20-45, et seq., as described herein until the termination of the COVID-19 State of Emergency or 11:59 p.m. on September 1, 2020, whichever occurs first; and

WHEREAS, to fully extend Proclamations 20-45, et seq. it is also necessary for me to extend the prohibitions therein; 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 and Proclamations 20-45, et seq., are amended to 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 September 1, 2020, whichever occurs first.

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 31st day of July, A.D., Two Thousand and Twenty at Olympia, Washington.

By:

/s/
Jay Inslee, Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR:

/s/
Secretary of State