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PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR
AMENDING PROCLAMATIONS 20-05, 20-25 AND 20-25.1

20-25.2

ADJUSTING
STAY HOME – STAY HEALTHY
TO MAY 4, 2020

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 20-52, 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,and 20-25.1 (Stay Home – Stay Healthy), prohibiting all people in Washington State from leaving their homes or participating in gatherings of any kind regardless of the number of participants, and all non-essential businesses in Washington State from conducting business, within the limitations therein; 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 is a significant health risk to all of our people, especially members of our most vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS, while there are currently at least 13,521 cases of COVID-19 in Washington State with 749 associated deaths, current models predict that we have started to slow its spread throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, Washington State is known for a high level of outdoor recreation on its many trails, parks, lakes, beaches and other outdoor recreational areas, and outdoor recreation is a fundamental part of maintaining physical, emotional and mental health, particularly in a time of great stress;

WHEREAS, these conditions now permit adjustment of some of the prohibitions in Proclamation 20-25 and 20-25.1 to allow for some recreational activities and related employment, while continuing to protect the health and safety of all Washingtonians by retaining the remainder of the prohibitions imposed in Proclamations 20-25 and 20-25.1; 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 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 RCW 38.08, 38.52 and 43.06, do hereby proclaim and order that a State of Emergency continues to exist in all counties of the state, that Proclamation 20-05 and all amendments thereto remain in effect as otherwise amended, and that, to help preserve and maintain life, health, property or the public peace pursuant to RCW 43.06.220(1)(h), Proclamations 20-25 and 20-25.1 (Stay Home – Stay Healthy) are amended to extend all of their provisions, except those specifically listed below and as specifically allowed in the requirements available here, and each expiration date therein, to May 4, 2020:

As of April 27, 2020, in order to prepare for re-opening on May 5, 2020, all employees necessary to operate and maintain day-use activity and trails, including those in state parks and state public lands, state hunting and fishing operations, golf operations, and day-use activities and trails in other public parks and public lands are authorized to return to work; and

As of May 5, 2020, the following outdoor recreational activities, when and where permitted, are authorized to commence so long as participants fully comply with the social distancing and coronavirus related hygiene requirements found here, such as:

- Recreational hunting, fishing, and boating
- Outdoor exercise, including hiking, running, walking and biking
- Golfing
- Day-use activities at public parks and public lands

All other provisions of Proclamation 20-25 and 20-25.1 shall remain in full force and effect.

ADDITIONALLY, except as exempted above, I continue to prohibit all other public and private gatherings and multi-person activities for social, spiritual and recreational purposes, regardless of the number of people involved. Such activity includes, but is not limited to, community, civic, public, leisure, faith-based, or sporting events; parades; concerts; festivals; conventions; fundraisers; team sports activities, and similar activities that involve a gathering of people other than a household unit. This prohibition continues to apply to planned wedding and funeral events.

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 of this order may be subject to criminal penalties pursuant to RCW 43.06.220(5). Further, if people fail to comply with the required social distancing and coronavirus hygiene practices while engaging in outdoor recreation, or if the numbers of COVID-19 cases increase, I may be forced to reinstate the prohibition of recreational activities.

Signed and sealed with the official seal of the state of Washington on this 27th day of April, A.D., Two Thousand and Twenty at Olympia, Washington.

By:

/s/
Jay Inslee, Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR:

/s/
Secretary of State