

**WHATCOM COUNTY**  
**TERMINATION OF PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, Governor Inslee issued Proclamation 20-05 on February 29, 2020, declaring a state of emergency exists in Washington State due to the COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, the Whatcom County Executive issued a Proclamation of Emergency (“Proclamation”) on March 10, 2020 in response to the expanding outbreak and impacts of COVID-19 in Whatcom County, and which authorized the utilization of emergency powers granted under the Whatcom County Charter and RCW 38.52.070(2), including the authorization to waive competitive bidding requirements under state and local law; and,

WHEREAS, the Proclamation authorized Whatcom County departments to enter into contracts and incur obligations necessary to combat the emergency conditions, to provide appropriate emergency assistance to victims of the emergency, and to take other actions necessary to respond to the Covid-19 emergency; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the need for the County’s Proclamation of Emergency has ended, and the operation and planning for COVID-19 in Whatcom County is now at a reasonable and organized level that no longer requires immediate action; and,

WHEREAS, Governor Inslee has ordered that all state-wide COVID-19 emergency proclamations shall be rescinded by October 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, this emergency as defined by the Whatcom County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan that necessitated the utilization of powers granted pursuant to the Whatcom County Charter and RCW 38.52.070(2) has ended; now therefore,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE WHATCOM COUNTY EXECUTIVE that the Proclamation of Emergency dated March 10, 2020 is hereby RESCINDED effective October 31, 2022.

Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2022.

  
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Satpal Singh Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive

Recommended by:

  
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Sheriff Bill Elfo  
Director of Emergency Management

Approved as to Form:

  
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Deputy Prosecuting Attorney