

## **MAYORAL PROCLAMATION LIFTING THE EMERGENCY COVID-19 RESPONSE**

**WHEREAS**, on January 21, 2020, the Washington State Department of Health confirmed the first case of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in the United States in Snohomish County, Washington, and the Snohomish Health District and the Washington State Department of Health have since worked to identify, contact, monitor and test others in Snohomish County potentially exposed to COVID-19 in coordination with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19, a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death, is caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which is a new strain of coronavirus that had not been previously identified in humans and can easily spread from person to person; and

**WHEREAS**, the CDC identifies the potential public health threat posed by COVID-19 both globally and in the United States as “very high,” and has advised that person-to-person spread of COVID-19 will continue to occur globally, including within the United States and Snohomish County; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar declared a public health emergency for COVID-19, beginning January 27, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 29, 2020, Washington State Governor Jay Inslee issued Proclamation 20-05, proclaiming a State of Emergency for all counties throughout the state of Washington as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States and confirmed person-to-person spread of COVID-19 in Washington State; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 4, 2020, by Health Officer’s Order No. 20-056, the Snohomish County Health Officer proclaimed a countywide public health emergency for COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 4, 2020, Snohomish County Executive David Somers declared that a State of Emergency exists in Snohomish County for COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Mukilteo believed that this threat to public health and safety necessitated a proclamation of emergency requiring and authorizing the exercise of emergency powers granted pursuant to RCW Chapter 38.52.070(2) and Mukilteo Municipal Code (MMC) Chapter 8.08.070(A); 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 the most vulnerable populations,

Washington State Governor Jay Inslee subsequently issued several amendatory proclamations, exercising his emergency powers under RCW 43.06.220 by prohibiting certain activities and waiving and suspending specified statutory and regulatory obligations and limitations; and

**WHEREAS**, although COVID-19 continues as an ongoing and present threat in Washington State, the measures we have taken together as Washingtonians over the past several months, including the willingness of most Washingtonians to take advantage of the vaccines being administered throughout the state, have made a difference and have altered the course of the pandemic in fundamental ways; and

**WHEREAS**, while COVID-19 appears to be here to stay, recent advances in medicine, including the availability of bivalent COVID-19 boosters for people 5 years and older and vaccines for children 6 months and older, as well as treatments like antivirals, are reasons to be hopeful that we will have the tools to protect ourselves and communities from severe disease and death to the greatest extent possible; and

**WHEREAS**, although Department of Health statistics reflect the continued persistence of COVID-19 in the state, including continued hospitalizations and deaths due to COVID-19, health experts and epidemiological modeling experts believe that as a state we have made adequate progress against COVID-19 to end the state of emergency; and


**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Department of Health will continue to monitor COVID-19 disease activity in the state and carry out public health activities that help prevent severe disease and death from COVID-19.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Joe Marine, Mayor of the City of Mukilteo, as a result of the above noted situation do hereby proclaim that, although the threat of COVID-19 remains in all counties in the state of Washington, an Emergency Proclamation is no longer necessary to continue to respond to this disease.

As a result, I hereby declare the termination of the City of Mukilteo's COVID-19 Response Emergency Proclamation.

This declaration shall immediately upon issuance, or as soon as practicable, be filed with the City Clerk for presentation to the City Council for ratification and confirmation, modification, or rejection, and if rejected, shall be void. This proclamation shall be considered in full force and effect when ratified by the City Council.

Signed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2023

  
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Mayor Joe Marine

