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**PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR
AMENDING 20-05**

20-06

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, since the initial confirmed case of COVID-19 in the United States, in Snohomish County, Washington, on January 21, 2020, it has spread to eight counties of Washington State resulting in 23 deaths; and

WHEREAS, the risk of severe illness and death from COVID-19 appears to be higher in those members of our population who are 60 years of age and older and those with chronic health conditions; and

WHEREAS, there is an increased risk of rapid spread of COVID-19 among persons who are living in congregate settings, such as long-term care facilities, and most residents of long-term care facilities are at increased risk for severe COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, infected facility staff and visitors can introduce a virus into the population and start an outbreak; and

WHEREAS, the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 and the resulting epidemic in Washington State continue 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, and 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 officials in alleviating the impacts to people, property, and infrastructure, and continues coordinating with the Washington State Department of Health in assessing the magnitude 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

Proclamation 20-05 remains in effect and is amended as provided herein, and that a State of Emergency continues to exist in all counties of Washington State. I again direct that the plans and procedures of the *Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan* be implemented. State agencies and departments are directed to continue utilizing state resources and doing everything reasonably possible to assist affected political subdivisions in an effort to respond to and recover from the COVID-19 epidemic.

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 Washington State 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.

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 nursing homes licensed under RCW 18.51 and assisted living facilities licensed under RCW 18.20, which restrictions shall remain in effect until midnight on April 9, 2020:

1. Owners, administrators, operators, staff, contractors, and volunteers of nursing homes licensed under RCW 18.51 and assisted living facilities licensed under RCW 18.20 are prohibited from allowing a person to enter the facility and visit a resident unless that person is an adult, the resident has not already had a visitor that day, and the visit takes place in the resident's room. This prohibition does not apply in end of life situations.
2. No person is allowed to visit a resident of a nursing home licensed under RCW 18.51 or an assisted living facility licensed under RCW 18.20 unless they have been screened prior to entry for signs or symptoms of COVID-19, including fever of 100.4 or higher, cough, or difficulty breathing, or contact with a person with a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19 in the last 14 days, or are under investigation for COVID-19. Precautionary measures may include, but are not limited to, wearing personal protective equipment, social distancing, or visiting in designated locations.
3. No person is allowed to visit a resident of a nursing home licensed under RCW 18.51 or an assisted living facility licensed under RCW 18.20 unless they show identification, sign into a visitor's log that includes date, time in and time out, and provide their name and contact information, including phone number and email address if available.
4. Operators and staff of nursing homes licensed under RCW 18.51 and assisted living facilities licensed under RCW 18.20 are prohibited from destroying each day's visitor log for 30 days.
5. Owners, administrators, and operators of nursing homes licensed under RCW 18.51 and assisted living facilities licensed under RCW 18.20 are prohibited from allowing a person to work or volunteer in the facility unless the person has been screened at the start of every shift and does not show any symptoms associated with COVID-19, including fever of 100.4 or higher, cough, or difficulty breathing.