## BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LINCOLN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

In the Matter of a Local Declaration	)	
of Emergency Due to Significant Health	)	<b>RESOLUTION 20-16</b>
<b>Emergency Caused by COVID-19 Virus</b>	)	

WHEREAS, On January 21, 2020 the Washington State Department of Health confirmed the first case of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Snohomish County, Washington, and the local Health Departments and the Washington State Department of Health worked to identify, contact, and test others in Washington State potentially exposed to COVID-19 in coordination with the United States 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 the 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 threats posed by COVID-19 both globally and in the United States as "high" and has advised that person-to-person spread of COVID-19 will continue to occur globally, including within the United States; 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 on January 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, The Washington State Department of Health has now confirmed localized person to person spread of COVID-19 in Washington State, significantly increasing the risk of exposure and infection to Washington State's general public and creating an extreme public health risk that may spread quickly; and

WHEREAS, The Washington State Military Department, State Emergency Operations Center, is coordinating resources across State Government to support the Department of Health and local officials in alleviating the impacts to people, property and infrastructure, and is assessing the magnitude and long-term effects of the incident with the Washington State Department of Health; and

WHEREAS, Washington State Governor Jay Inslee enacted Proclamation 20-05 on February 29, 2020 proclaiming a state of emergency for all counties in the State of Washington as a result of the COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Article XI, Section 11 of the Washington State Constitution and RCW 36.32.120 (6) (7), the Board has both the jurisdiction and duty to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the residents of Lincoln County; and

WHEREAS, there is an emergency present which necessitates activation of the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and utilization of emergency powers granted pursuant to RCW 38.52.070(2) and RCW 36.40.180;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Lincoln County Commissioners, that on March 16, 2020 a state of emergency is declared within Lincoln County and that:

- (1) It is therefore declared that the Lincoln County Board of Health, Lincoln County Public Health Department and Sheriff's Department, Emergency Management Division will work with other agencies to do everything reasonably possible to assist affected individuals in an effort to respond to and recover from the outbreak.
- (2) Lincoln County activates its local emergency management plans and grants emergency use of local resources and authorizes use of emergency expenditures, including waiver of hearing requirements under RCW 38.52.070(2) and RCW 36.40.180 and purchasing contracting requirements pursuant to RCW 36.32.270.
- (3) This Declaration shall remain in force and effect until terminated by the order of the Lincoln County Commissioners based on the Recommendations by the Lincoln County Board of Health, Lincoln County Public Health Department and Lincoln County Sheriff's Department, Emergency Management Division.

SIGNED IN EMERGENCY SESSION AND DATED at Davenport, Lincoln County, Washington, this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of March, 2020.

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OF LINCOLN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Prosecuting Attorney