PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY

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

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, Governor Jay Inslee signed a Proclamation declaring a State of Emergency exists in all counties in the State of Washington due to the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the state and directed that the plans and procedures of the Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan be implemented; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2020, King County Executive Dow Constantine signed a Proclamation of Emergency due to the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in King County thus enabling King County government to take extraordinary measures; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Manager of the Office of Emergency Management for the City of Issaquah has reported to the Mayor the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in King County is increasing daily; and

WHEREAS, the City of Issaquah believes that the increased number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 constitute a local emergency and may necessitate the utilization of emergency powers granted under RCW 38.52.070; and

WHEREAS, in the judgment of the undersigned, extraordinary measures are required to protect the public health, safety and welfare of Issaquah’s residents and may go beyond the capability of local resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mary Lou Pauly, Mayor of the City of Issaquah, do hereby proclaim:

Section 1. Civil Emergency. A civil emergency exists within the City of Issaquah due to the outbreak of novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

Section 2. Authority. The City Administrator or their designee(s) is authorized to utilize the emergency powers granted under RCW 38.52.070 to preserve public health, safety and order.

Section 3. Reports to City Council. The City Administrator or their designee is directed to provide regular reports regarding actions taken pursuant to the civil emergency to the Issaquah City Council, including updates at each special or regular meeting of the City Council, through the duration of this civil emergency.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the City of Issaquah this 6th day of March, 2020.

MARY LOU PAULY, MAYOR