

**BOARD OF YAKIMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

IN THE MATTER OF DECLARING AN  
EMERGENCY RELATED TO THE NOVEL  
CORONA VIRUS (COVID-19)

**108-2020**

**WHEREAS**, the first confirmed cases of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) have been detected in Yakima; and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has issued warnings regarding the impacts and severity of this event; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death, and can easily spread from person to person; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 29, 2020, the Governor of the State of Washington proclaimed that a State of Emergency exists in all counties in the State of Washington; and

**WHEREAS**, one or more COVID-19 events have now occurred in Yakima County, and disruption of important services, damage to life, or damage to property can be expected from the above conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, measures must be taken to protect the public health, safety and welfare within the County; and

**WHEREAS**, County resources related to contact tracing, disease investigation and prevention, continuity of operations, public information, and funding are expected to be severely affected and/or exhausted; and

**WHEREAS**, the foregoing affects the entire County and;

**WHEREAS**, the Yakima Valley Office of Emergency Management and the Yakima County Health District have declared a local health emergency and recommend that the Board of County Commissioners declare a state of emergency to manage the impacts of COVID-19;

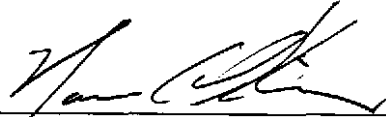
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Yakima County Commissioners hereby declares a state of emergency to respond to the impacts of COVID-19.

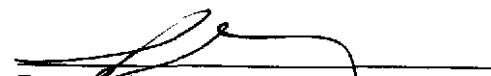
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this declaration is cause for activation of the emergency plans and utilization of emergency powers granted pursuant to RCW chapter 38.52 RCW, and RCW 36.32.270 and RCW 39.04.280, which allow streamlined processes for purchasing goods and services.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Yakima County Commissioners and such other personnel as it may designate are authorized to seek state and federal assistance and potential reimbursement for local funds spent on COVID-19 response;

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DONE this \_\_\_\_\_ day of March 2020.

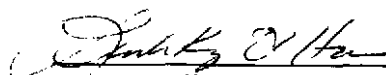
  
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Norm Childress, Chairman

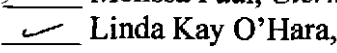
  
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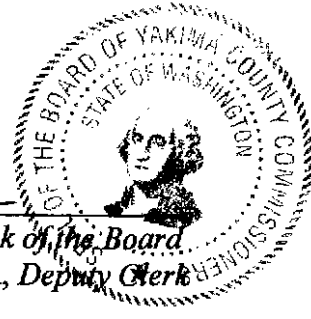
  
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Vicki Baker, Commissioner

*Constituting the Board of County Commissioners  
for Yakima County, Washington*

Attest:

  
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Melissa Paul, Clerk of the Board

  
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Linda Kay O'Hara, Deputy Clerk





# BOARD OF YAKIMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**Vicki Baker**  
District 1

**Ron Anderson**  
District 2

**Norm Childress**  
District 3

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## **YAKIMA COUNTY, WASHINGTON NOTICE OF PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Board of Yakima County Commissioners, pursuant to Washington State law including, but not limited to RCW 36.40.180, has issued a Resolution declaring a State of Emergency regarding the local impacts of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). A copy of said Resolution will be filed with the Commissioners' Office and posted on the County website and is attached to this notice. The news media is encouraged to share this Resolution with the public in order to inform of this State of Emergency.