



Town of La Conner

Town of La Conner, Washington

DECLARATION OF THE MAYOR

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, 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 coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak in the United States and confirmed person-to-person spread of COVID-19 in Washington State; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 disease, caused by a virus that spreads easily from person to person which may result in serious illness or death and has been classified by the World Health Organization as a worldwide pandemic, has broadly spread throughout Washington State, significantly increasing the threat of serious associated health risks statewide; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, I issued a proclamation declaring a public health state of emergency in the Town of La Conner, which proclamation was to remain in effect until midnight on March 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, on March 23, 2020, Governor Inslee issued a Stay Home – Stay Healthy Order throughout Washington State, prohibiting all people in Washington State from leaving their homes or participating in social, spiritual and recreational gatherings of any kind regardless of the number of participants, and directing all non-essential businesses in Washington State to cease operations; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 disease has and continues to spread quickly across the state of Washington, significantly increasing the threat of significant associated health risks statewide, including to the people of La Conner, and the progression of COVID-19 continues to threaten the life and health of La Conner residents; and

WHEREAS, as of March 30th, there have been more than 136,000 confirmed cases of COVID-19, and more than 2,400 related deaths with numbers continuing to climb across the country; and

WHEREAS, the White House coronavirus response coordinator, Dr. Deborah Birx, on March 30th projected 100,000 to 200,000 American deaths as a best-case scenario; and

WHEREAS, on March 29th President Trump announced an extension of federal guidance on social distancing through April, in a continued effort to slow the spread of the novel coronavirus.

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NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Ramon Hayes, Mayor of the town of La Conner, Washington, as a result of the continuing need to prevent the spread of the coronavirus, and under Article XI, Section 11 of the Washington Constitution and Chapter 38.52 RCW, do hereby proclaim that a state of emergency continues to exist in the Town of La Conner. Residents of La Conner must continue to observe and comply with social distancing and sanitation measures established by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Washington State Department of Health. Residents of La Conner must do everything within their ability to limit contact to those within their immediate household.

Further, I implore those residents of La Conner who have been identified by the CDC as being at higher risk to take particular care to avoid any risk of infection. Those identified by the CDC include:


- People aged 65 or older;
- People with chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma;
- People who have serious heart conditions;
- People who are immunocompromised including those undergoing cancer treatment;
- People of any age with severe obesity; and
- People with certain underlying medical conditions, particularly if not well controlled, such as those with diabetes, renal failure, or liver disease.

Further, I urge La Conner residents to support and assist their neighbors during this public health emergency while maintaining social distancing to the best of their abilities, particularly those neighbors who are at particular risk. The La Conner community prides itself on being a caring and supportive community, and now is the time to develop methods to amplify the emotional connections between residents that are so important during this time of necessary isolation.

The provisions of this order shall remain in effect until midnight on April 30, 2020, unless extended beyond that date.

Dated March 30, 2020


TOWN OF LA CONNER, WASHINGTON


Ramon Hayes, Mayor

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Approved as to form:


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