City of Stevenson, Washington **Emergency Proclamation 2020-01**

WHEREAS, the State of Washington, along with much of the world, is experiencing an outbreak of the Novel Coronavirus, known as COVID-19, and;

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

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020 the United States Department of Public Health and Human Services Secretary declared a public emergency for the 2019 Novel Coronavirus beginning on January 27, 2020, and;

WHEREAS, on February 20, 2020 Governor Inslee proclaimed a state of emergency (Proclamation 20-05) for all counties in Washington State due to the spread of COVID-19 and directed that the plans and procedures of the Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan be implemented, and;

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020 the Skamania County Emergency Operations Center was activated to Level-1 (monitoring phase) and is working to ensure that local stakeholders have access to all relevant information related to COVID-19 for preparation purposes, and;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020 the President of the United States declared a national emergency related to COVID-19, and;

WHEREAS, proactive measures must be taken to protect public health, safety and welfare of City of Stevenson residents, visitors, and staff, and;

WHEREAS, additional resources may be required in response to the COVID-19 outbreak, and;

WHEREAS, the City may require supplemental assistance, and;

WHEREAS, the severity of this event may go beyond the capability of local resources and the duration of the event is unknown, and;

WHEREAS, the existing conditions related to COVID-19 warrant the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Anderson, Mayor of the City of Stevenson, do hereby proclaim:

Section 1: A local emergency now exists due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Section 2: Emergency operations are in effect, and this necessitates the utilization of

emergency powers granted under RCW 38.52.070.

Section 3: The City of Stevenson is authorized to exercise the powers vested under this proclamation considering the exigencies of this emergency without regard to time-consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law (except Constitutional requirements).

This emergency proclamation shall expire unless confirmed and adopted by the Stevenson City Council at the next regularly scheduled City Council Meeting.

Dated March 17, 2020.

Mayor of the City of Stevenson

ATTEST:

Clerk of the City of Stevenson