

RESOLUTION NO. 2020 – 8

**TOWN OF WINTHROP
PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2020, Washington's State Department of Health (WDOH) confirmed the first case of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in the United States in Washington, and local health departments and the WDOH have since that time worked to identify, contact, and test people in Washington who have been potentially exposed to COVID-19 in coordination with the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); and

WHEREAS, COVID-19, a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death, is easily transmissible from person to person and is a new strain of coronavirus that had not been previously identified in people; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, US Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar declared a public health emergency for COVID-19, beginning on January 27, 2020; 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, on March 16, 2020, the Governor of the State of Washington announces statewide shutdown of restaurants, bars and expanded social gathering limits and social distancing; and

WHEREAS, these conditions constitute a civil emergency and necessitate the utilization of emergency powers granted under RCW 38.52.070; and

WHEREAS, the Town may require supplemental assistance; and

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


WHEREAS, the existing conditions created by COVID-19 warrant the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency; and

WHEREAS, measures must be taken to protect public health, safety and welfare in the Town.


NOW THEREFORE, I Sally Ranzau, Mayor of the Town of Winthrop, and the Town Council of the Town of Winthrop, pursuant to RCW 38.52.070, do hereby proclaim that an extreme state of emergency exists in the Town of Winthrop and that emergency measures be implemented and authorized pursuant to RCW 38.52.070.

PASSED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL of the Town of Winthrop, Washington, this 18th day of March, 2020.

APPROVED:


Sally Ranzau, Mayor

ATTEST:


Michelle Gaines, Clerk/Treasurer