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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 10, 2020, the Whatcom County Executive, in coordination with the Whatcom County Health Board, declared a Whatcom county public health emergency to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in our community; and

WHEREAS, the increasing number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 constitutes a local emergency and may necessitate the utilization of emergency powers granted under RCW 38.52.070 and Lynden Municipal Code (LMC) 2.10.060; and

WHEREAS, extraordinary measures are required to protect public health, public safety, public welfare, public property, or the public peace within the City of Lynden (City); and

WHEREAS, while all available resources are committed to this event, the severity thereof may exceed the capacity of local resources and require supplemental assistance; and

WHEREAS, the existing conditions warrant the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency; and

WHEREAS, the foregoing recitals are a material part of this proclamation;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Scott Korthuis, Mayor of the City of Lynden, do hereby proclaim:

Section 1. Civil Emergency. A civil emergency exists within the City of Lynden due to the outbreak of COVID-19.

Section 2. Authority. The Mayor, and his designee(s), are authorized to utilize all emergency powers available under law, including without limitation RCW 38.52.070 and LMC 2.10.060, to preserve public health, safety and order.

Section 3. Scope. The Mayor and each City department head or their designee is authorized to exercise the powers vested under this proclamation in light of the exigencies of an emergency situation without regard to time requirements and formalities prescribed by city policy or law (except mandatory constitutional requirements). This authority shall include the authority to waive competitive bidding requirements pursuant to RCW 39.04.280.
Section 4. Other Actions. Each City department head or their designee may take all lawful and necessary actions to protect and preserve the public health and safety and property.

Section 5. Timing and effect. This proclamation shall remain in full force and effect until terminated by subsequent proclamation of the Mayor.

DATED this 16th day of March, 2020.

[Signature]

SCOTT KORTHUIS, MAYOR