

## ***Proclamation***

**WHEREAS**, on January 31, 2020, U.S. 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 28, 2020, a student at Henry M. Jackson High School in Mill Creek was diagnosed with the COVID-19 virus; and,

**WHEREAS**, on February 29, 2020, Governor Jay Inslee issued Proclamation 20-05 proclaiming that a State of Emergency exists in all counties of the state of Washington due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus and directed that the plans and procedures of the Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan be implemented; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Governor directed state agencies and departments to utilize state resources and to do everything reasonably possible to assist affected political subdivisions in an effort to respond to and recover from the outbreak; and,

**WHEREAS**, RCW 38.52.010(9)(a) defines emergencies and disasters to include events or circumstances which demand action to preserve public health; and,

**WHEREAS**, RCW 38.52.070 grants political subdivisions of the state that have approved emergency management plans to conduct emergency management of incidents involving emergencies or disasters; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Mill Creek has adopted an emergency management plan set forth in Mill Creek Municipal Code (“MCMC”) Section 8.08.080; and,

**WHEREAS**, MCMC Section 8.08.040 defines an “emergency or disaster” as an event or set of circumstances which among other things “demand immediate action to preserve public health, protect life...or reaches such a dimension or degree of destructiveness as to warrant the city manager proclaiming the existence of a disaster or the Governor declaring a state of emergency with appropriate local and state statutes”; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City Manager is designated specific powers during an emergency, as set forth in MCMC 8.08.090; and

**WHEREAS**, MCMC 8.08.100 empowers the City Manager to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a disaster and termination thereof, if the Mill Creek City Council is in session, or to issue such proclamation, if the Mill Creek City Council is not in session, subject to confirmation by the Mill Creek City Council at the earliest practicable time; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Mill Creek’s Comprehensive Management Plan specifically states that it is the responsibility of the City Manager to proclaim local emergencies; and,

**NOW THEREFORE**, the City Manager for the City of Mill Creek does hereby proclaim that effective February 29, 2020, consistent with Proclamation 20-05 issued by Governor Inslee, the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus constitutes an emergency as defined by RCW 38.52.010(9)(a) and MCMC Section 8.08.040 and necessitates the utilization of emergency powers granted under RCW 38.52.070 and MMC 8.08.100.

**FURTHER**, in light of recommendations for social distancing issued by Centers for Disease Control, Washington Department of Health, and Snohomish Health District, effective Wednesday, March 18, 2020, the City of Mill Creek will restrict access to City Hall to the general public in an effort to slow the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus. The closure is in effect until Saturday, April 18, 2020.

The City of Mill Creek will continue essential municipal government operations during this health crisis while prioritizing the safety of residents and employees.

Signed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Ciaravino', written over a horizontal line.

Michael Ciaravino, City Manager