



CITY OF BELLINGHAM
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
SETH FLEETWOOD

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

Termination of Proclamation of Local Emergency

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 due to the outbreak of COVID-19; 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 issued a Proclamation of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, in response to the rapidly evolving situation in Whatcom County, the Whatcom County Health Officer issued recommendations to slow the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bellingham (City), under the leadership of the Mayor, implemented measures within City operations, services, and facilities to follow the recommendations of the Whatcom County Health Department; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 outbreak and spread was a threat to life and public health, and constituted an emergency, and demanded ongoing and further emergency action; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of RCW 38.52.070, B.M.C. 2.57.060, and other applicable law granted authority to the Mayor to issue a Proclamation of Local Emergency on March 12, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the existing conditions at the time warranted the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency; and

WHEREAS, tools such as vaccines and therapeutic treatments have been developed that now allow us to adapt and live with COVID-19 and prevent overwhelming hospitalizations, and reduce the incidence of severe illness and death; and

WHEREAS, 69% of residents of the State of Washington and 70% of Whatcom County residents have received two doses of the Moderna or Pfizer vaccines or one dose of the Janssen vaccine; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Washington is terminating his Proclamation of a State of Emergency as of October 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Whatcom County Executive is rescinding his Proclamation of Emergency as of October 31, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SETH FLEETWOOD, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, do hereby proclaim that the Proclamation of Local Emergency dated March 12, 2020, and authorized by RCW 38.52.070, B.M.C. 2.57.060, and all applicable law, is terminated as of October 31, 2022.



Signed this 31st of October 2022



Seth Fleetwood, Mayor
City of Bellingham