OKANOGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS'  
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, OKANOGAN COUNTY CONTINUES TO EXPERIENCE A SIGNIFICANT SURGE IN CORONA  
VIRUS CASES OVER THE PAST FEW WEEKS, AND

WHEREAS, THE BOARD OF OKANOGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC) FEAR THAT THE  
ECONOMY AND THE HEALTH AND WELL BEING OF THE PEOPLE OF OKANOGAN COUNTY ARE  
SEVERELY COMPROMISED BY OUR LACK OF URGENCY IN CONTROLLING THE VIRUS; AND

WHEREAS, THE BOCC RECOGNIZES THAT IT IS THE COMMITMENT OF THE PEOPLE OF OKANOGAN  
COUNTY AT A "GRASS ROOT" LEVEL THAT WILL BE MOST EFFECTIVE IN SUCCEEDING AT  
ELIMINATING THE COVID-19 VIRUS; AND

WHEREAS, THE BOARD OF OKANOGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC) AGREE THAT THEIR  
COLLECTIVE LEADERSHIP IS IMPORTANT IN COMPELLING THE COMMUNITY TO ACT.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE OKANOGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HEREBY PROCLAIM AS  
FOLLOWS;

1) WE ARE EXTREMELY GRATEFUL TO THE BUSINESSES, PUBLIC, HEALTH CARE  
ORGANIZATIONS, COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, AND AGENCIES FOR THE EFFORTS AND  
SACRIFICES MADE TO DATE, WE ARE OKANOGAN STRONG! AND

1) WE ISSUE A DESPARATE APPEAL TO THE OKANOGAN COUNTY COMMUNITY AT LARGE  
TO IMPLEMENT THE CAUTIONARY MEASURES SUGGESTED BY OKANOGAN COUNTY HEALTH  
OFFICIALS, AND

2) IN SIGNING THIS PROCLAMATION, EACH OF US COMMIT TO SETTING AN EXAMPLE TO THE  
PUBLIC IN IMPLEMENTING THE MEASURES RECOMMENDED BY OUR OKANOGAN COUNTY  
HEALTH OFFICIALS, AND

3) THIS PROCLAMATION SHALL BE IN EFFECT UNTIL A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE ALL THREE  
COMMISSIONERS TOGETHER WITH THEIR SMILING FACES, WITHOUT MASKS, IS RELEASED  
TO THE PRESS.

DATED at Okanogan, Washington this 5th day of August, 2020.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OKANOGAN, WASHINGTON

Chairman, Jim DeTro
"I don't like being mandated by government; however, I do take precautionary measures, and if you are  
mask compromised, use curbside services."

Vice-Chairman, Chris Branch
"This is my first pandemic but I know that it is as real as the Spanish Flu pandemic of 1918 and my  
most reliable decision-making information comes from state and local health officials whose careers  
are all about limiting the spread and impacts of disease."

Member, Andy Hover
"The effort to control the virus is clearly not a political issue. It is critical to the health and safety of our  
families, our friends, our neighbors and the economic health of our entire region."

ATTEST:

Lalena Johns, Clerk of the Board