

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NORTHEAST TRI COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT

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| IN THE MATTER OF COVID-19 |) | RESOLUTION 06-2020 |
| “STAY HOME, STAY HEALTHY” |) | SUPPORTING COUNTY VARIANCE |
| PHASE 3 VARIANCE REQUEST |) | REQUEST FOR FERRY, PEND OREILLE, |
| |) | AND STEVENS COUNTIES |

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, the Governor of Washington State issued Proclamation 20-05, proclaiming a state of emergency for all counties throughout the state of Washington as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak in the United States and confirmed person-to-person spread of COVID-19 in Washington State; **AND**

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, and subsequently after, Governor Inslee issued Stay Home—Stay Healthy proclamations prohibiting persons from leaving their homes or place of residence except to conduct or participate in essential activities and/or for employment in essential business services. He also prohibited on March 25, 2020, all non-essential business operations except for performing basic minimum operations; **AND**

WHEREAS, on May 1, 2020, Governor Inslee indicated he would extend the Stay Home—Stay Healthy order through May 31, 2020, and was allowing smaller counties that did not have a new case of COVID-19 reported in the last three weeks to apply for a variance that would allow them to move from Phase 1 of the Phased Approach to Reopening Washington Plan to Phase 2; **AND**

WHEREAS, on May 8, 2020, Ferry and Pend Oreille Counties received approval from the Washington State Secretary of Health to advance to Phase 2. Stevens County received subsequent approval on May 11, 2020 to advance to Phase 2; **AND**

WHEREAS, on May 29, 2020, Governor Inslee announced the expansion of the Safe Start—Washington’s Phased Reopening Plan as the Stay Home—Stay Healthy order ended at midnight on Sunday, May 31, 2020. The expansion moves Washington through the phased reopening on a county-by-county basis and allows counties in Phase 2 to move to Phase 3, with a minimum of three weeks in Phase 2 when key metrics can be demonstrated; **AND**

WHEREAS, the Health Officer of Northeast Tri County Health District has reviewed and finds adequate readiness for advancement into Phase 3 as there are low rates of COVID-19 disease transmission, and readiness demonstrated within the healthcare system, testing capacity and availability, case and contact investigations, ability to protect high-risk populations, and respond to outbreaks.

NOW, THEREFORE: IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Northeast Tri County Health District Board of Health supports the health officer’s determination of readiness and for each respective county to move into “Phase 3”. By this decision, the Board of Health votes affirmatively to implement all the “Phase 3” elements.

Done this 2nd day of June 2020 and effective June 3, 2020 upon signatures as of this date. (Meeting was held by remote participation).


Board Member, Ferry County

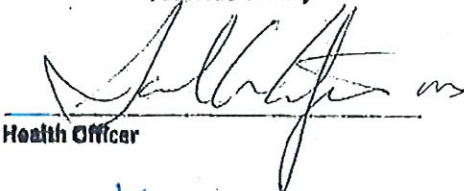

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Health Officer


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