

Pierce County Fire District #21

DBA Graham Fire and Rescue

FIRE CHIEF 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

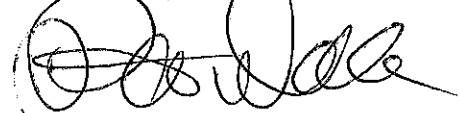
WHEREAS, Pierce County Fire District #21 believes that the increased number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 constitute a civil emergency and necessitates the utilization of emergency powers granted to the Fire Chief pursuant to Resolution #945, and RCW 38.52.070(2); and

WHEREAS, in the judgment of the undersigned, extraordinary measures are required to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the residents of Pierce County Fire District #21, and may go beyond the capability of local resources; now therefore

BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE Fire Chief of Pierce County Fire District #21 that an emergency exists in Pierce County Fire District #21; therefore, the Fire Chief is authorized to take emergency actions and provide emergency services to protect the health and safety of persons and property pursuant to Resolution #945 and Chapter 38.52 RCW. As directed pursuant to Resolution #945, the Fire Chief is authorized to enter into contracts and to incur obligations necessary to combat such victims of such disaster in the light of the exigencies of an extreme emergency situation without regard to time-consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law (excepting mandatory constitutional requirements.)

Dated this 17 day of March 2020.

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Fire Chief

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Eric T. Quinn; Attorney at Law