

**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**

  
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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."

  
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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."

  
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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:**  
  
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Lalena Johns, Clerk of the Board