



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, America's cities, including the City of Shoreline, have taken extraordinary measures to protect health, safety, and the continuation of essential services throughout the COVID-19 pandemic emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the impacts of the emergency, America's cities, large and small, are struggling just to maintain basic community services such as safe roads, law enforcement, sanitation, and parks, with these services at risk due to insufficient funding; and

**WHEREAS**, America's cities are essential to America's economy and without funding support, cities around America may go from being a critical part of the economic situation to becoming a major obstacle to long-term stabilization and recovery; and

**WHEREAS**, it is estimated that America's cities, which are required to balance budgets, will experience budgetary shortfall of up to \$134 billion in fiscal year 2020 alone, with the negative effects of COVID-19 continuing long after this year; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Shoreline is not immune from these negative effects as the City has seen a revenue loss of \$7.6 million, or approximately 16 percent of the City's anticipated receipts, while at the same time experiencing an increased demand for affordable housing, food, and other basic needs; and

**WHEREAS**, as Congress considers additional federal assistance packages due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it is critical that direct relief to cities is included in those packages. Providing cities directly with these funds will ensure critical services continue to operate and will assist in rebuilding and reopening the local, state, and national economies; and

**WHEREAS**, providing cities directly with these funds will ensure critical services continue to operate and will assist in rebuilding and reopening the local, state, and national economies and will demonstrate Congress's understanding as to the importance cities are to restore the economy and its desire to build a united national partnership for a safe, healthy, prosperous life.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Will Hall, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim that the City of Shoreline, and all America's cities, are essential to America's economic recovery.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that Congress should allocate fair and direct federal funding support to all cities regardless of population size.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, in providing this funding, Congress should permit it to be used not only for additional expenses incurred by cities to responded to the COVID-19 pandemic emergency but, also the dramatic budgetary shortfalls resulting from the mandated stay-at-home orders which drastically halted commerce, tourism, or other economic drivers.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Will Hall". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath it.

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Will Hall, Mayor