

**PROCLAMATION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF KALAMA, WASHINGTON, IN REGARD TO RECENT
DIRECTIVES FROM GOVERNOR JAY INSLEE**

WHEREAS Governor Inslee's recent Proclamation No. 20-05 known as "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" and other follow-up Proclamations have caused confusion for residents and businessowners in Kalama, and have failed to clearly identify which businesses are and are not allowed to operate and which are or are not allowed to reopen,

WHEREAS Washington State Citizens and State Lawmakers have challenged the constitutionality of the Governor's Proclamation related to the "Essential and Non-Essential" businesses and a lawsuit has been filed in federal court,

WHEREAS businessowners have become increasingly concerned over the duration of the proclamations with no clear and concise end to the orders, and the failure of the orders to address the inherent differences between communities that differ in population density while inflicting major economic losses daily,

WHEREAS Governor Inslee's directive toward the Christian religious rite of Holy Communion as defined by the May 6th, 2020, "Safe Start Washington - Phase I: Drive-in Services" memorandum is a clear violation of the First Amendment of the U.S. Bill of Rights and of Article I of the Washington State Constitution,

WHEREAS the proclamations require local officials and law enforcement to uphold the Governor's directives, passing the responsibility and significant liability to the City of Kalama,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that as the City Council of the City of Kalama, we hereby issue our own Proclamation to alleviate liability concerns to our city by instructing Law Enforcement and City Officials to not enforce Governor Inslee's proclamations against businesses operating in any capacity and against citizens engaged in their constitutionally-protected rights to peaceably assemble and to practice their faith as they determine necessary.

The Governor does not have the legal authority to force City employees, including Law Enforcement Officers, to take action against businesses or citizens. City of Kalama employees are not employed by the Governor of the state, thus making the decision to enforce Governor Inslee's orders a decision of the City Council regardless of the outcome of any and all lawsuits determining the constitutionality of any such directives.

Businesses wishing to operate shall do so using responsible social distancing policies and procedures without fear of retribution or investigation from the City of Kalama.

The City Council requires that all businesses provide a single sheet visible in the corner of each window bordering a door and on all doors designated for public entry that succinctly defines the capacity the business will operate at in terms of social distancing within the establishment and if the business requires masks or other health guidelines as the businessowner sees fit. This posting requirement shall be in effect until such time as the City of Kalama rescinds its declared State of Emergency.