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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK, WASHINGTON EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE TERMINATION OF COVID-19 RELATED EMERGENCY PROCLAMATIONS ISSUED BY THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE.

WHEREAS, the Office of the Washington State Governor ("Governor's Office") issued a proclamation of emergency on February 29, 2020 in response to the spread and growing concern for the COVID-19 virus (the "Proclamation"); and

WHEREAS, by giving the Governor's Office broad emergency powers, this Proclamation effectively removes the checks and balances of government that our State Constitution has established to protect the rights of the citizens from the governmental overreach of any one governmental branch; and

WHEREAS, these emergency powers have lasted almost two years, which is beyond any reasonable definition of emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Office has issued hundreds of additional proclamations as a result of this initial Proclamation, many having nothing to do with the COVID-19 spread, without the consent of the legislature; and

WHEREAS, many of these proclamations have severely affected the day to day life of the citizens and businesses of Deer Park who want to return to normalcy; and

WHEREAS, the virus itself has continued to mutate into variants that are increasingly less dangerous; and

WHEREAS, the State legislature is considering bipartisan action to restrain the overreach of the Governor's Office; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Office has issued some of the most severe, restrictive, and long-lasting mandates in the country; and

WHEREAS, other cities in the State have passed similar resolutions to this Resolutions; **NOW THEREFORE,**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK, WASHINGTON HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Deer Park, on behalf of the citizens of the City, request the Washington State Governor's Office immediately terminate its Covid-19 emergency proclamations and work with the State legislature on all further regulations of the day-to-day activities of the citizens of the State in response the Covid-19 pandemic.

Section 2. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage by the City Council.

APPROVED by the City Council of the City of
Deer Park, Washington at an Open Public
Meeting the ____ day of _____,
2021.

TIMOTHY VERZAL, MAYOR

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

DEBY CRAGUN, CITY CLERK/TREASURER