WHEREAS, Governor Inslee and the Washington State Department of Health recognize that there are currently some counties with COVID case rates of less than 10 cases per 100,000 population; and

WHEREAS, these counties have the opportunity to apply for a variance to move from phase I of the Phased Approach to Reopening Washington Plan to phase II before the rest of the state; and

WHEREAS, Island County has been identified as one of the counties eligible to apply for the variance; and

WHEREAS, one of the requirements for applying for the variance includes submission of a signed recommendation from the local public health officer to the local board of health; and

WHEREAS, Island County Health Officer, Dr. Joel McCullough, submitted a letter of recommendation to the Island County Board of Health on May 19, 2020 recommending they request a variance to include all of the Phase II modifications; and

WHEREAS, the Island County Board of Health voted unanimously to move forward with a variance request on May 20, 2020; and

WHEREAS, a document must be submitted with the variance application including the following:

a. Plans and identified resources to make COVID-19 testing available and accessible to everyone in the county with symptoms consistent with COVID-19
b. The number of COVID-19 tests performed by week over the past three weeks
c. Island County’s plans and resources to perform case investigation and contact tracing using the statewide standardized COVID-19 case and contact investigation protocols, including the number of people trained and ready to perform case investigations and contact tracing
d. Plans and resources to house people in isolation or quarantine who do not have a home or wish to isolate or quarantine themselves outside of their home, if it becomes necessary
e. Plans and resources to provide case management services to cases and contacts in isolation and quarantine
f. Plans to rapidly respond to outbreaks in congregate settings; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Island County Commissioners approves the Island County Board of Health’s plan to apply to fully implement Phase II under a COVID-19 Variance Plan, excluding camping, and relying upon the implementation of state guidance to ensure all actions are consistent with those protective requirements necessary to control the spread of COVID-19.

APPROVED this 20th day of May, 2020.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Janet St. Clair, Chair
Helen Price Johnson, Member
Jill Johnson, Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Roll, Deputy Clerk of the Board