

City of Sunnyside, Washington

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Proclamation

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a highly infectious disease that can result in severe respiratory illness, organ damage, and death, and

WHEREAS, public officials of the United States of America, Washington State, Yakima County, and the City of Sunnyside have joined in declaring a public health emergency for COVID-19 and in urging residents to observe public health guidelines to reduce the transmission of the novel coronavirus that causes COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on May 31, 2020, Governor Jay Inslee signed Proclamation 20-25.4 requiring that as of June 8, 2020, all employees statewide must wear a facial covering on the job except when working alone and that employers must provide facial coverings to employees; and

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2020, the Yakima Health District issued a Directive strongly urging all Yakima County residents to wear a face covering in public spaces and launched a public education campaign urging residents to “Mask Up to Open Up;” and

WHEREAS, despite these earnest efforts, as of June 20, 2020, more than 6,300 COVID-19 cases and 113 deaths have been confirmed in Yakima County, and the rate of community transmission of the novel coronavirus that causes COVID-19 has continued to increase, and area hospitals are now reporting that they are at risk of being overwhelmed in their capacity to care for Yakima County residents, and

WHEREAS, critical disruption of important services and damage to life is occurring in local municipalities, including the City of Sunnyside, from the above conditions; and

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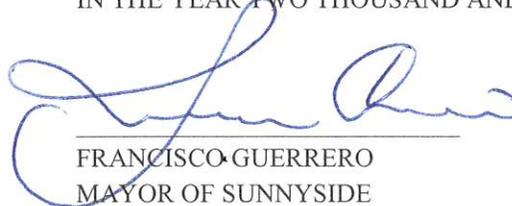
WHEREAS, on June 20, 2020, Governor Jay Inslee announced his intention to issue a binding Proclamation requiring Yakima County residents to wear a facial covering in all public spaces; and, further, prohibiting commercial establishments from delivering services or goods to customers who are not wearing a facial covering, in order to immediately reduce the accelerating rate of coronavirus transmission in Yakima County.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Francisco Guerrero, as Mayor of Sunnyside, Washington do hereby proclaim the month of June, 2020, as Mask Up to Open Up Month in the City of Sunnyside. I strongly urge residents of the City of Sunnyside to wear face coverings in public spaces, and, further, to follow important public health guidelines to reduce the transmission of the novel coronavirus that causes COVID-19, including by limiting non-essential travel, washing hands and sanitizing surfaces often, and not gathering with others outside your immediate household.

I direct the City Manager to post this Proclamation in support of the City's efforts to promote public awareness and observance of these public health requirements and guidelines.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND CAUSED THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF SUNNYSIDE TO BE AFFIXED. DONE AT THE CITY OF SUNNYSIDE THIS 22ND DAY OF JUNE IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY.




FRANCISCO GUERRERO
MAYOR OF SUNNYSIDE