

Proclamation

Board of Commissioners for Washington County

COVID-19 REMEMBRANCE MONTH IN WASHINGTON COUNTY

March 2021

WHEREAS; in December 2019, a highly contagious and deadly novel strain of the coronavirus – now named COVID-19 – was detected and began to spread into countries throughout the world, including the United States, prompting the World Health Organization to declare a pandemic in March 2020; and

WHEREAS; the first case of COVID-19 in Oregon on February 28, 2020, was a Washington County resident and initiated public health and emergency management response activities across the county; and

WHEREAS; despite the efforts of government officials, health care workers, first responders, community leaders, businesses, schools, community members and others to respond to and mitigate the spread of COVID-19, the pandemic has taken a tremendous toll on our community's health, well-being and economic stability; and

WHEREAS; as of February 17, 2021, Washington County has had 20,698 confirmed cases, resulting in 943 hospitalizations and 208 deaths, as well as countless friends, family members and loved ones affected; and

WHEREAS; the COVID-19 pandemic has had a devastating and disproportionate impact on communities of color across our county, compounding the existing health disparities and economic inequalities faced by Black, Latinx and Indigenous communities and individuals; and

WHEREAS; the pandemic has had unprecedented economic impacts, including record unemployment which has led many people in our community to be unable to pay their bills and in need of the support of the county and community partners;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on this second day of March, 2021, Washington County Board of Commissioners, acting as the Board of Health, does hereby proclaim March 2021 as COVID-19 Remembrance Month in Washington County, and encourages all community members to continue to practice public health safety measures, show gratitude to essential workers, hold a moment of silence for the lives lost, and work together as a resilient community to recover from the coronavirus pandemic.

Kathryn Harrington, Washington County
Board Chair

Recording Secretary

Minute Order