



PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

19-01

WHEREAS, Clark County has declared a local public health emergency beginning January 18, 2019, after identifying an outbreak of measles that creates a substantial likelihood of risk to the citizens of Clark County and the seven cities therein; and

WHEREAS, The Washington State Department of Health has confirmed the existence of 25 cases of the measles in Clark County and 1 one case in King County as of January 24, 2019; and

WHEREAS, The measles virus is a highly contagious infectious disease that can be fatal in small children, and the existence of 26 confirmed cases in the state of Washington creates an extreme public health risk that may quickly spread to other counties; and

WHEREAS, The measles vaccine is effective at preventing the disease when given prior to exposure, and proactive steps to provide the vaccination and other measures must be taken quickly to prevent further spread of the disease; and

WHEREAS, The Washington State Department of Health has instituted an infectious disease Incident Management Structure to manage the public health aspects of the incident; and

WHEREAS, The Washington State Military Department, State Emergency Operations Center, is coordinating resources to support the Department of Health and local officials in alleviating the impacts to people, property and infrastructure and is assessing the magnitude and long-term effects of the incident with the Department of Health; and

WHEREAS, The measles outbreak and its effects impact the life and health of our people, as well as the economy of Washington State, and is a public disaster that affects life, health, property or the public peace.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, as a result of the above-noted situation, and under Chapters 38.52 and 43.06 RCW, do hereby proclaim that a State of Emergency exists in all counties in the state of Washington, and direct the plans and

