EMERGENCY DECLARATION

DECLARATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF EDEWOOD, PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19), IN ORDER TO INSTITUTE EMERGENCY MEASURES TO PROTECT CITY EMPLOYEES AND THE COMMUNITY.

WHEREAS, the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services, Governor of the State of Washington and King County Executive have declared national and state emergencies as a result of transmission of COVID-19, commonly referred to as the novel Coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory illness that may result in serious illness or death, is caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which is a new strain of coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control ("CDC") identifies the public health threat as "high", with the potential for a global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 and the effects of its extreme risk of person-to-person transmission throughout the United States, Washington State, and the City of Edgewood significantly impacts the life and health of our people, as well as the economy of Washington State, and is a public emergency that affects life, health, property; and the public peace; and

WHEREAS, although there have been no confirmed cases of COVID-19 yet in Pierce County, the number of confirmed cases and deaths in Washington is growing; and

WHEREAS, the City performs essential functions such as public safety, delivery of utility service, and other services to the community; and

WHEREAS, the City is at high risk of being impacted by the novel coronavirus COVID-19, which upon diagnosis requires specific medical treatment and quarantine to reduce the virus’ spread throughout the general population;

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to take proactive measures to protect employees and the public, including the purchase of additional emergency supplies, potential sanitization of city facilities, support of impacted employees, and a potential reduction in services;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DARYL EIDINGER, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF EDEWOOD, WASHINGTON, HEREBY DECLARE AS FOLLOWS:

A local emergency exists due to the COVID-19 outbreak and that Emergency Operations are in effect in order to take actions necessary for the purpose of protecting the public health and employees, in accordance with RCW 38.52.070 and RCW 39.04.280.
SIGNED AND DECLARED THIS 6TH DAY OF MARCH, 2020

Daryl Eidinger, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rachel Pitzel, City Clerk