

# CITY OF YAKIMA P R O C L A M A T I O N

*WHEREAS, the Coronavirus pandemic has impacted the people of the Yakima Valley for over a year causing extreme stress on our health care system, our economy, our schools, our families, and our entire population; and*

*WHEREAS, over 65% of the Yakima County workforce has been deemed essential; and*

*WHEREAS, 100% of the people in Yakima County are essential to us, their families, and their friends; and*

*WHEREAS, the Yakima Valley now has a readily available safe, effective Coronavirus vaccine supply, which has been recently increased by the Federal Emergency Management Agency; and*

*WHEREAS, the approved Coronavirus vaccines are available to all adults in Yakima County beginning April 15<sup>th</sup>; and*

*WHEREAS, over 50,000 Yakima Valley residents have already received at least a first dose of Coronavirus vaccine in Yakima County, but approximately 140,000 adults need to receive the vaccine before we achieve “herd immunity”; and*

*WHEREAS, a high percentage of adults must be vaccinated in order for Coronavirus rates of spread to be lowered enough for a safe return to normal activities at school, work, and with family and friends.*

*NOW THEREFORE, I, Patricia Byers, Mayor of the City of Yakima and on behalf of the City Council hereby proclaim that the City fully supports and encourages all adults to be safely vaccinated as soon as possible.*

*Dated this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021*

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*Patricia Byers, Mayor*