

**INTERCITY TRANSIT
RESOLUTION NO. 01-2023
ENDING UNIVERSAL VACCINATION REQUIREMENT**

A **RESOLUTION** repealing Resolution 03-2021 dated September 1, 2021.

WHEREAS, on August 9, 2021, the Governor of the State of Washington issued Proclamation No. 21-14 prohibiting any worker from engaging in work for a State Agency after October 18, 2021, if the worker had not been fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and encouraging local governments to do the same; and

WHEREAS, on September 1, 2021, the Intercity Transit Authority Board passed Resolution No. 03-2021 titled “Universal Vaccination Requirement” initiating Intercity Transit’s COVID-19 Vaccination Requirement Policy as a condition of employment on October 29, 2021.; and

WHEREAS, effective on October 31, 2022, the Governor of the State of Washington ended Proclamation No. 20-05.1 COVID emergency declaration and rescinded and terminated Proclamation 21-14; and

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2023, the World Health Organization announced that it was ending the global emergency declared for Covid-19; and

WHEREAS, on May 11, 2023, the Department of Health and Human Services declared that the federal Public Health Emergency for COVID-19, under Section 319 of the Public Health Service Act, has expired; and

WHEREAS, effective on May 11, 2023, Governor of the State of Washington issued Directive 22-13.2 to rescind Directive 22-13.1, ending the COVID-19 vaccination requirement as a condition of employment for executive cabinet and small cabinet state agencies; and

WHEREAS, Intercity Transit has consulted with Thurston County Public Health on the status of the spread of COVID-19 in Thurston County continually throughout the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Intercity Transit Authority honors the dedication of all Intercity Transit employees throughout the pandemic, who never wavered in their dedication to providing quality public transportation to the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Intercity Transit Authority, the governing body of a public transportation benefit area established pursuant to Ch. 36.57A RCW, hereby resolves to rescind Resolution 03-2021 and terminates Intercity Transit's Universal Vaccination Requirement.

This Resolution shall become effective immediately.

ADOPTED: This 17th day of May 2023.

INTERCITY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Clark Gilman

Clark Gilman, Chair

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