



March 2, 2020

**Re: Executive Order No. 27, Suspended Operation Policy, Declaration of Extraordinary Circumstances**

The Governor for the State of Washington declared a state of emergency related to COVID-19 on February 29, 2020.

Pursuant to Executive Order 27, Section 8, I have determined that this is an emergency of an extraordinarily severe and extended nature. Accordingly, as of March 2, 2020, I authorize University leaders, in consultation with the Executive Office, the Office of Human Resources and the Office of Academic Personnel, to take necessary measures, including release with pay in appropriate situations, to provide for adequate staffing and retention of employees, and to sustain or restore University operations.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ana Mari Cauce".

Ana Mari Cauce  
President  
Professor of Psychology