



**King County**

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# PROCLAMATION

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**WHEREAS**, Washington has been determined to bear the second highest risk from damaging earthquakes among U.S. states; and

**WHEREAS**, the loss of life and property from an earthquake can be greatly reduced if appropriate preparedness and mitigation measures are taken before a damaging quake; and

**WHEREAS**, the Great Washington Shakeout is our state's version of an annual earthquake preparedness event held in many U.S. states and in countries around the globe on the third Thursday of October – this year, October 15; and

**WHEREAS**, the time it takes for our County to recover following a significant earthquake will be greatly reduced by well-prepared residents and businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, minimizing the potential for injury during future earthquakes depends on the ability of residents to rapidly take personal protective actions, and

**WHEREAS**, in the midst of the COVID-19 Pandemic, more Washingtonians may find themselves in alternate locations from work or school, which provides an opportunity to both practice earthquake safety in those new locations and secure those spaces before an earthquake.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Dow Constantine, Executive of King County, do hereby proclaim October 15, 2020 to be

## **Great Washington ShakeOut Day**

in King County. I encourage all residents and businesses to join in this annual Earthquake preparedness drill.



Dow Constantine  
King County Executive