## JOINT PROCLAMATION NO. 2020-11

## A PROCLAMATION CONGRATULATING THE CLASS OF 2020

Together, the citizens of Washington County along with elected officials representing those citizens would like to acknowledge and congratulate the graduating classes of 2020. As graduating seniors, our students have accomplished so much and have risen above challenges that other classes and generations have not been faced with. Along with the usual pressures of high school including grades, college applications, career decisions, ever-increasing social media pressure, etc., these seniors have now had to deal with a global pandemic.

Graduating high school is not only a big achievement, but is also a rite of passage into adulthood. Although school leaders were also faced with uncertainty and constantly-changing restrictions, each high school went above and beyond to make graduation an event to be remembered. The schools hosted virtual ceremonies which included music and school highlights, graduation videos, and provided photo and filming opportunities of the graduates walking across the stage in their caps and gowns. Our schools provided a positive graduation experience that some seniors expressed was more special and personalized than it would have been otherwise.

In this unprecedented time in history, our 2200 graduating seniors in Washington County have a unique opportunity. Adversity is always met by opportunity for growth. Our seniors already have the tools they need to succeed and to meet and rise above these challenges. They have proven that they will do this through their resilience.

We are proud of the Class of 2020 and are confident that this year's graduates will have an outsized positive impact in our community, nation, and world.

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