

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, *Gonzaga University is a nationally-recognized, locally-based institution that celebrates excellence academically and athletically; and*

WHEREAS, *the Gonzaga men's basketball team proudly represented our region at the WCC tournament on March 5-10, 2020 at the Orleans Arena in Las Vegas, NV. The team was slated to represent our region on a national level during the NCAA tournament before it was cancelled due to the 2020 COVID-19 Pandemic; and*

WHEREAS, *Gonzaga University men's basketball had an impressive season with a record of 31-2, earning the title of Champions of the West Coast Conference also considered one of the favorites to win the national championship entering the tournament as a No. 1 seed and expected to open the NCAA Tournament at the Spokane Arena; and*

WHEREAS, *In addition to an excellent season, the Gonzaga University men's basketball team also celebrated player Filip Petrushev being named a Second Team All-American and the West Coast Conference Player of the Year; and*

WHEREAS, *Gonzaga University men's basketball team showed unity, resilience, and some of the best examples of teamwork for our community in the 2019-20 Season. Although the COVID-19 pandemic cut their season short, these young women, and all those that helped them get to this prestigious level, are National champions in the eyes of all their fans and supporters in Spokane County.*

NOW, THEREFORE, *we, the Board of County Commissioners of Spokane County, Washington, do hereby recognize the extraordinary commitment and talent showcased by the young men on this accomplished teams. All Gonzaga University Students, Teachers, Parents, Alumni, and residents of the greater Spokane County region should be inspired by their accomplishments.*

Dated this 26th day of May, 2020.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SPOKANE COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

AL FRENCH, CHAIR

JOSH KERNS, VICE CHAIR

ATTEST:

Ginna Vasquez, Clerk of the Board

MARY L. KUNEY, COMMISSIONER