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King County

An Executive Order delegating authority when the Executive is absent and designating a line of succession in the event of a vacancy in the elective office of the County Executive.

WHEREAS, I, Girmay Zahilay, am the duly elected King County Executive, having assumed said position on November 25, 2025, and

WHEREAS, from time to time the King County Executive may be absent from King County or otherwise unavailable to sign official documents or take other official actions; and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary during those occasions for various official documents and ordinances to be signed to carry on King County's business and for various orders and directions to be given on behalf of the Executive; and

WHEREAS, the King County Executive may be unavailable to direct implementation of the King County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to satisfy Federal and Washington State legal requirements that the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan indicate the name of the individuals responsible for implementing the Plan during periods of natural or war-caused disaster; and

WHEREAS, in the event of an emergency, King County Code Section 12.52.030 delineates the emergency powers of the King County Executive after the Executive has formally proclaimed in writing the existence of an emergency; and

WHEREAS, Article 8, Section 850, of the King County Charter provides for the delegation of Executive powers and duties, except the veto power, to be assumed and carried out in the Executive's absence; and

WHEREAS, Article 6, Section 680.10, of the King County Charter requires the Executive to designate an interim official in the event of a vacancy in the elective office of the County Executive;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Girmay Zahilay, King County Executive, do hereby order and direct that the following individual is designated to act on my behalf in my absence and delegate my powers and duties, except the veto power, to be assumed and carried out by:

- (1) Deputy Executive: Karan Gill

FURTHERMORE, I officially designate the following individual to serve as interim County Executive in the event of a vacancy in the elective office of the County Executive:

- (1) Deputy Executive: Karan Gill

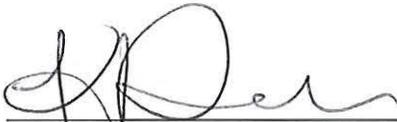
Dated and effective this 2nd day of December, 2025.



Girmay Zahilay
King County Executive

State of Washington
County of Martin Luther King, Jr.

This record was acknowledged before me on 2nd of December, 2025 by Keiley Ramsey



Signature
Notary Public, State of Washington

My commission expires: 3/29/29

