



King County Council

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

PROPOSED NO. 25-00-00

A RESOLUTION to determine whether King County should request that Governor Bob Ferguson issue a Proclamation Declaring a State of Emergency or take other appropriate actions in response to President Trump's apparent threat to the Rule of law and democracy.

WHEREAS, as result of a number of President Trump's Executive Orders and other actions since January 20th, 2025, which have caused and are continuing to cause an extraordinary level of disruption severely affecting the population of King County, our economy, and governmental functions, And

WHEREAS President Trump appears to periodically disregard his oath of office to faithfully execute the laws, appears to periodically disobey the lawful orders of courts, appears to periodically act in a manner that violates established practices of American democracy, all of which appears to seek the establishment of a political dictatorship;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the King County Council:

That the King County Council, on behalf of the Washington residents it represents, conduct a legislative investigation, hold public hearings , and to make legislative determinations and findings, on the basis of evidence and testimony presented by interested members of the public, and by experts in Constitutional law, U.S. Political History, Political Science, and Political Philosophy, with respect to the following questions:

1. Is President Trump attempting to establish a political dictatorship by an abuse of the Constitutional authorities provided to the Office of President of the United States?

2. If so, does the U.S. Constitution and the Washington State Constitution authorize or accommodate the establishment of political dictatorship?
3. If the U.S. Constitution and the Washington State Constitution do not authorize or accommodate the establishment of political dictatorship, what, if anything, should the King County Council do in order that each Council members' oath to uphold the U.S. Constitution and the Washington State Constitution is faithfully maintained?

Resolution 25-00-00 was introduced and passed by the Council on: _____ 2025 by the following vote.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL CHAIR