

WARRANT OF REPRIEVE
FOR
CLARK RICHARD ELMORE

WHEREAS, Clark Richard Elmore is currently in the custody of the Washington State Department of Corrections, sentenced to death by the Superior Court for the County of Whatcom in Cause No. 95-1-00310-1; and

WHEREAS, on December 5, 2016, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit issued a formal mandate affirming its prior judgment in Mr. Elmore's federal appellate case, automatically terminating the stay of execution previously entered; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Corrections, in accordance with RCW 10.95.160(2), has set January 19, 2017, as the day on which the judgment and sentence of the court shall be executed by the superintendent of the state penitentiary; and

WHEREAS, there are serious concerns about the use of capital punishment in the state of Washington. Unequal application across the state, lack of clear deterrent value, high frequency of sentence reversal on appeal, and rising costs are some of the troubling factors. The State's two most important responsibilities in addressing criminal justice issues are to protect the public and to ensure equal justice under the law, and I do not believe the use of capital punishment effectively satisfies these responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, on February 11, 2014, I issued a moratorium on executions while I am Governor of Washington State; and

WHEREAS, RCW 10.01.120 provides, in relevant part, that "[t]he governor may ..., on good cause shown, grant respites or reprieves from time to time as he or she may think proper," and good cause has been shown, as evidenced by the flaws described above, that a reprieve in this matter would further the interests of justice.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, by virtue of the power vested in me as Governor of the state of Washington under RCW 10.01.120, hereby direct that the execution of the sentence of death for Clark Richard Elmore be reprieved, unless and until such reprieve is

lifted by order of myself or a future governor of Washington State. This warrant shall be obeyed and executed by the superintendent of the state, and the January 19, 2017, execution date shall be reprieved.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the state of Washington to be affixed at Olympia on this 29 day of December, two thousand and sixteen.



By:

Jay Inslee
Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Secretary of State

Mark Neary
Assistant Secretary of State