



## **CITY OF RED WING PROCLAMATION AND DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, the virus named “SARS-CoV-2,” is a new strain of coronavirus that has not previously been identified in humans and can easily spread from person to person and which causes a disease named “coronavirus disease 2019,” commonly known as “COVID-19,” which is a respiratory disease that can result in serious injury or death; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 21, 2020 the first case of COVID-19 was detected in the United States; on March 6, 2020 the first case of COVID-19 was detected in the State of Minnesota; and as of March 23, 2020, there at least 235 known cases of COVID-19 in Minnesota; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar declared a public health emergency for COVID-19, beginning on January 27, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump declared that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constitutes a National Emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, Governor Tim Walz declared a Peacetime State of Emergency to authorize all necessary resources to be used in support of the COVID-19 response; and

**WHEREAS**, as of March 21, 2020 the World Health Organization Situation Report confirmed a total of 292,142 cases of COVID-19 in numerous countries, including 12,784 deaths; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 has been identified by the World Health Organization as a pandemic, and the United States Centers for Disease Control has provided guidance for individuals, healthcare professionals, and businesses to slow the spread of COVID-19, which include cancelling or postponing in-person events that involve more than fifty people for eight weeks; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Red Wing has been preparing and working with local, state, and federal partners to maintain situational awareness and respond to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, additional local cases will trigger a more aggressive public health response and are predicted to impact residents of Red Wing and those who work in or travel through the City, including City employees; and the need for social distancing, school and business closings, and quarantine methods to stop the spread of COVID-19 is expected to cause significant challenges; and

**WHEREAS**, I have determined that this situation threatens the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the community and will significantly impact the ability of public safety personnel to address immediate dangers to the public as a result of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, I have determined that traditional sources of financial aid, assistance and relief may not be able to compensate for the potential impact of COVID-19, and have determined that the necessary resources to respond to and recover from this pandemic may exceed those resources available within the City of Red Wing, and additional resources may be needed from Goodhue County and state and federal sources.

**NOW, THEREFORE, MAYOR SEAN DOWSE OF THE CITY OF RED WING PROCLAIMS, DECLARES, REQUESTS, AND DIRECTS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. Under the authority given by Minnesota Statutes, Section 12.29, declares that a local emergency exists within the City of Red Wing, effective March 23, 2020, with all the powers and responsibilities attending thereto as provided by Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 12.
2. Directs City Staff to review ordinance and regulatory requirements, operations, civil and legal proceedings, events, and resources to determine whether the foregoing should be adjusted or suspended, and to make recommendations regarding additional emergency regulations to support the employees and residents of the City of Red Wing.
3. Directs all City departments and offices to operate and support the response to this incident, under the direction of the Council Administrator and in coordination with the Department Directors, including implementing new employee protocols, strategies, and processes to ensure that public services are maintained.
4. Directs the City's Police Captain, Emergency Management and other appropriate City staff to request and coordinate appropriate aid and resources from surrounding jurisdictions, Goodhue County, the State of Minnesota, and the Federal government, as needed.
5. This emergency declaration shall continue for a period of three (3) days from its effective date of March 23, 2020, unless further extended by or with the consent of the City Council pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 12.29, subd. 1.
6. Orders that this declaration be given prompt and general publicity and that it be filed promptly by the City Clerk.

Dated this 23 day of March, 2020



Mayor Sean Dowse