

CITY OF HUTCHINSON, MINNESOTA

Declaration NO. 2020 – 1

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Hutchinson, Minnesota (" Mayor") finds that the following local emergency (" Emergency") exists in the City of Hutchinson, Minnesota ("City"):

1. The Governor of Minnesota issued Emergency Executive Order 20 – 01 declaring a peacetime emergency and coordinating Minnesota Strategy to Protect Minnesotans from COVID – 19 on March 13, 2020 (attached); and
2. The City faces an imminent threat to public health resulting from the novel coronavirus and the resulting COVID – 19 disease; and
3. As a result of the pandemic situation caused by Covid-19, the City needs the ability to take timely action to contain and mitigate the risk to public health.

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute Section 12.29 authorizes the Mayor to declare the existence of the Emergency, invoke necessary portions of the Emergency Operations Plans and the Pandemic Response Plan, and authorize aid and services in accordance with interjurisdictional agreements; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute Section 12.37 authorizes the City, acting through its governing body, to

- (1) enter into contracts and incur obligations necessary to combat the disaster by protecting the health and safety of persons and property and by providing emergency assistance to the victims of the disaster; and
- (2) exercise the powers vested by this subdivision in light of the exigencies of the disaster without compliance with time – consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law pertaining to:
 - (i) the performance of public works;
 - (ii) entering into contracts;
 - (iii) incurring of obligations;
 - (iv) employment of temporary workers;
 - (v) rental of equipment;
 - (vi) purchase of supplies and materials;
 - (vii) limitations upon tax levy; and
 - (viii) the appropriation and expenditure of public funds, for example, but not limited to, publication of ordinances and resolutions, publication of calls for bids, provisions of civil service laws and rules, provisions relating to low bids, and requirements for budgets.

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WHEREAS, the Mayor finds that the Emergency is sudden and unforeseen and could not have been anticipated; and

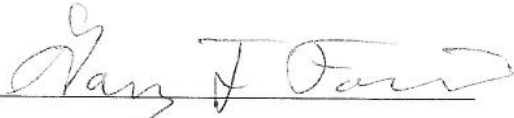
WHEREAS, the Mayor finds that the situation threatens the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the community and threatens the provision and delivery of City services as a result of the Emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor finds that traditional sources of relief are not able to repair or prevent the injury and loss.

Now, therefore, the Mayor of the City of Hutchinson, Minnesota declares a local emergency effective at


5:08 p.m. on March 24, 2020, in the City of Hutchinson, Minnesota and hereby calls for a meeting of the City Council of the City of Hutchinson at 5:30 p.m. on March 24, 2020, in the City Council Chambers, 111 Hassan St. SE. in the City and by other electronic means as permitted by Minnesota statutes, section 13D .021 for purposes of receiving COVID – 19 updates and considering formal action to consent to this declaration and related actions.

This declaration a local emergency will invoke the City's Emergency Operation Plans and the Pandemic Response Plan. The portions that are necessary for response to and recovery from the Emergency are hereby authorized, including but not limited to all appropriate community containment and mitigation strategies. To the extent the normal state laws and City policies and procedures impede an efficient response or compliance with federal and state directives and recommendations, the City Administrator, Emergency Manager, and their designees are hereby authorized to suspend compliance with those laws, policies, and procedures as authorized by the Governor's Emergency Executive Order 20 – 01 and Minnesota statute, section 12.32 and to take those actions necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.



Mayor

3-24-2020 5:08 PM
Date and Time



City Administrator

STATE OF MINNESOTA

Executive Department



Governor Tim Walz

Emergency Executive Order 20-01

Declaring a Peacetime Emergency and Coordinating Minnesota's Strategy to Protect Minnesotans from COVID-19

I, **Tim Walz, Governor of the State of Minnesota**, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and applicable statutes, issue the following Executive Order:

The infectious disease known as COVID-19, an act of nature, has now been detected in 118 countries and territories, including the United States. COVID-19 has been reported in 42 states. There are over 1,600 confirmed cases nationwide, including fourteen in Minnesota.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary has declared a public health emergency for the United States to aid the nation's healthcare community in responding to COVID-19. The World Health Organization has recently assessed that this outbreak can be characterized as a pandemic.

In coordination with other state agencies, local governments, and partners in the private sector, the Minnesota Department of Health ("MDH") has been preparing for and responding to the COVID-19 pandemic in Minnesota.

On April 4, 2019, I issued Executive Order 19-22, which assigned emergency responsibilities to state agencies to respond to and assist in recovery from the effects of natural or technological emergencies, including responsibility to engage in emergency preparedness efforts. On April 4, 2019, I also issued Executive Order 19-23, which directed state agencies to engage in continuity of government and continuity of operations planning. That Executive Order established the Continuity Policy Coordination Sub-Cabinet to develop and maintain a framework for a continuity of government plan, and to oversee agency continuity of operations planning, led by Minnesota Management and Budget ("MMB").

Minnesota has taken proactive steps to ensure that we are ahead of the curve on COVID-19 prevention and response. Our State has been actively conducting continuity planning for state agency operations. MMB activated its Statewide Contingency Response Team ("SCRT"), which meets regularly to coordinate and direct state agencies to ensure priority government services continue. State agency emergency managers and continuity coordinators from the agencies have

been meeting together and sharing information related to emergency management and continuity of operations planning activities.

The State also has activated our Joint Information Center ("JIC"), led by the Department of Public Safety ("DPS") and MDH. The JIC is responsible for sharing operational updates and keeping the public informed on COVID-19. This group convenes daily to provide consistent, coordinated, and timely information.

Agencies have activated their internal command or continuity teams and have been reviewing their emergency response and continuity plans, which are plans in place that outline how agencies will provide priority services during an emergency. Agencies have been reviewing their priority services and preparing their employees with the goal of providing uninterrupted priority services throughout an emergency.

On January 29, 2020, MDH instituted its Incident Command System ("ICS"). The ICS provides a standardized approach to the command, control, and coordination of emergency response. MDH convened a state agency COVID-19 coordinating group on March 3, 2020. DPS's Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management ("HSEM") activated the State Emergency Operations Center on March 6, 2020.

MDH remains in close contact with federal, state, and local partners, and the Commissioner of Health recently convened a group of experts, including healthcare professionals (doctors, nurses, administrators, insurers), government partners (cities, counties, tribal nations), business and labor leaders, educators (child care, K-12, higher ed), public health experts, and authorities on long term care and Minnesota's aging population. This cross-sector group provides guidance to the Commissioner on MDH's strategies for responding to COVID-19.

As part of the response, MDH experts have been providing timely information and education to the public and stakeholders through up-to-date website information, regular press briefings, and calls for stakeholders such as schools, long-term care facilities, healthcare providers, and the business community. MDH's COVID-19 website, with materials available in 16 languages, has been accessed by thousands of Minnesotans.

Local resources are inadequate to fully address the COVID-19 pandemic. We must continue to take this pandemic seriously, and there are sensible steps that Minnesotans and our state government can take to protect all Minnesotans by slowing the spread of COVID-19, prioritizing our healthcare resources, and safeguarding at-risk communities.

For these reasons, I declare a peacetime emergency in Minnesota and order as follows:

1. In consultation with federal, state, and local partners, tribal nations, relevant experts, and stakeholders, MDH will continue to lead the coordination of the State's response to COVID-19.
2. HSEM will continue to assist MDH and coordinate support through the State Emergency Operations Center and in accordance with the Minnesota Emergency Operations Plan.


3. All state agencies, in cooperation with appropriate federal agencies, will work to support healthcare providers, tribal and local governments, and public health organizations as they respond to COVID-19.
4. The Minnesota National Guard will ensure that it is ready to assist as needed during this peacetime emergency.
5. In consultation with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, as well as public health, medical, and other experts, MDH will continue to provide guidance that is accessible and transparent to all Minnesotans, including guidance on how to best prevent and reduce community spread of COVID-19 within Minnesota and manage critical healthcare resources.
6. I encourage individual Minnesotans to help protect all Minnesotans by continuing their individual prevention efforts such as staying home when feeling sick, frequently washing their hands, and monitoring information about COVID-19.
7. I urge and advise Minnesotans to follow MDH guidance regarding hygiene, public gatherings, social distancing, and healthcare use. Minnesotans should regularly check MDH's COVID-19 webpage: <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/>
8. As circumstances require, and pursuant to relevant law, I will issue orders and rules to protect public health and safety. All state agencies are directed to submit proposals for such orders and rules to my office.

This Executive Order and declaration of peacetime emergency is effective immediately under Minnesota Statutes 2019, section 4.035, subdivision 2, and its duration is governed by Minnesota Statutes 2019, section 12.31, subdivision 2.

Signed on March 13, 2020.


Tim Walz
Governor

Filed According to Law:


Steve Simon
Secretary of State

