

**CITY OF GIBBON  
STATE OF MINNESOTA  
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 26, 2020, there are two hundred eighty-seven known cases of COVID-19 in Minnesota, including cases in Nicollet, Renville, and other surrounding counties; 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 and all necessary resources to be used in support of the COVID-19 response; and

WHEREAS, as of March 26, 2020 the World Health Organization Situation Report confirmed a total of over 500,000 cases of COVID-19, with 22,334 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; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gibbon is preparing for and working with and following recommendations of 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 the City and those who work in or travel through the City, including City employees; and the need for social distancing, school closings, and quarantine methods to stop the spread of COVID-19 is expected to cause significant challenges; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor finds that this situation threatens the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the community and will cause a significant impact on the ability of public safety personnel to address any immediate dangers to the public as a result of COVID-19.

**NOW, THEREFORE, MAYOR JEFF GATTON OF THE CITY OF GIBBON 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 Gibbon effective March 30, 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 Gibbon.
3. Directs all City departments and offices to operate and support the response to this incident, under the direction and coordination of the City Administrator and in accordance with Governor Tim Walz's Executive Order 20-20, issued on March 25, 2020.
4. Directs the City Administrator and other city staff to request and coordinate appropriate aid and resources from surrounding jurisdictions, Sibley County, the State of Minnesota, and the Federal government, as needed.
5. Declares, under Minnesota Statutes, Section 13D.021, that in-person meetings of the City Council, Planning Commission, and other advisory commissions of the City of Gibbon are not practical or prudent due to the COVID-19 health pandemic and the peacetime emergency declared by Governor Walz pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 12, and hereby directs that meetings of the City Council, and other commissions or organizations of the City shall be conducted by telephone or other electronic means, and hereby directs City Staff to take such action as may be necessary to enable such meetings to occur via telephone or other electronic means pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 13D.021, until such time as it is no longer impractical or imprudent for the City Council, Planning Commission, and other advisory commission to resume in-person meetings.
6. Requests that the City Council convene an emergency session via telephone pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 13D.021, at 7:00 p.m. on April 1, 2020, to discuss the situation and this declaration. This emergency declaration shall continue for a period of three (3) days from its effective date of March 30, 2020, unless further extended by or with the consent of the City Council pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 12.29, subd. 1.
7. Orders that this declaration be given prompt and general publicity and that it be filed promptly by the City Administrator/Clerk.

Dated this 30<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020

  
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Mayor Jeff Gatton