

**CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS**

**MAYOR DECLARATION NO. 2020-01**

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

1. On March 11, the World Health Organization (WHO) determined that the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak constitutes a pandemic.
2. On March 13, 2020, President Trump declared a national state of emergency as a result of the pandemic.
3. On March 13, 2020, Governor Tim Walz issued Emergency Executive Order 20-01, declaring a state of peacetime emergency to address the COVID-19 pandemic in Minnesota. The Governor's Executive Order along with this Declaration triggers activation of the City's emergency management plan and enables the City to exercise its emergency powers.
4. The spread of COVID-19 in the United States has raised serious public health concerns and resulted in a great deal of uncertainty. Much remains unknown about the virus and the affects it will have on the health of our community.

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota Statutes, Section 12.29 authorized the Mayor to declare the existence of the Emergency, invokes necessary portions of the response and recovery aspects of applicable local or interjurisdictional disaster plans, and may authorize aid and assistance under those plans.

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota Statutes, 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.
- 2) Exercise the powers vested by that section in the light of exigencies of the disaster without compliance with time-coming procedures and formalities otherwise prescribed by law.

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

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor finds that this situation threatens the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of our community and threatens the provision and delivery of city services as a result of the Emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor finds that the Emergency poses the risk of and may cause catastrophic loss of public health, safety, and welfare if not immediately addressed.

**NOW THEREFORE**, as the Mayor of the City of Falcon Heights, Minnesota, I declare that a Local Emergency exists effective at 5:00 p.m. on March 20, 2020 in the City of Falcon Heights, Minnesota.

  
Mayor Randall Gustafson

ATTEST:

  
City Administrator, Sack Thongvanh

NOTE: The Council must give approval in order for the Emergency Declaration to last for more than three days