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COVID-19 EMERGENCY DECLARATION, City of Lincoln, North Dakota

Lincoln, ND

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a severe respiratory illness that is spread from person to person, posing a threat to the health and safety of residents of the City of Lincoln; and

WHEREAS, no drug or vaccine is currently available to treat or prevent COVID-19; and

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

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump issued a declaration of national emergency due to the growing COVID-19 crisis resulting from the novel coronavirus (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Governor Doug Burgum issued a declaration of a state of emergency in response to the public health crisis resulting from the novel coronavirus (COVID-19); and

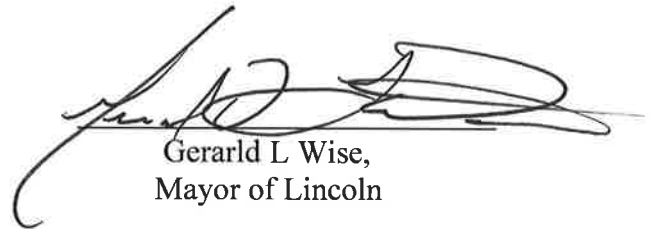
WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, the Centers for Disease Control issued new guidelines recommending cancellation or postponement of in-person events consisting of 50 people or more throughout the United States for the next eight weeks; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota Century Code Section 37-17.1-10 provides that the Mayor has the power to declare a local disaster emergency for a period not to exceed seven days; and

WHEREAS, preparedness, response and recovery from the COVID-19 virus requires a whole-of – government and whole-of –community approach across all governments as well as private and nonprofit sectors, and the virus has the risk of substantially endangering the health, safety and property of the citizens of Lincoln.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor of Lincoln does declare a state of emergency exists in the City of Lincoln, North Dakota in response to the public health crisis resulting from the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) for a period of seven days.

DATED at Lincoln, North Dakota this 16th day of March 2020.



Gerard L Wise,
Mayor of Lincoln