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CITY OF DULUTH RENEWED PROCLAMATION AND DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the virus named COVID-19 is a new strain of coronavirus that has not previously been identified in humans and can easily spread from person to person;

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

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;

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;

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2020, Governor Walz issued a stay at home order requiring non-essential employees and public officials to limit interaction with the public;

WHEREAS, the current pandemic has had a detrimental effect on the City of Duluth (the “City”);

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 12.29, the Mayor declared a local emergency;

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, pursuant to Duluth City Council Resolution No. 20-0282R, the City Council approved Mayor Larson’s declaration of local emergency;

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2020, Mayor Larson renewed her declaration and proclamation of local emergency effective April 13, 2020, because she still finds that a local emergency exists at the end of said 30 days;

WHEREAS, on April 13, 2020, pursuant to Duluth City Council Resolution No. 20-0318R, the City Council approved Mayor Larson’s renewed declaration of local emergency;

WHEREAS, on May 4, 2020, Mayor Larson renewed her declaration and proclamation of local emergency effective May 11, 2020 because she still finds that a local emergency exists at the end of said 30 days;

WHEREAS, on May 11, 2020, pursuant to Duluth City Council Resolution No. 20-0419R, the City Council approved Mayor Larson’s renewed declaration of local emergency;

WHEREAS, on June 2, 2020, Mayor Larson renewed her declaration and proclamation of local emergency effective June 8, 2020, because she still finds that a local emergency exists at the end of said 30 days;

WHEREAS, on June 8, 2020, pursuant to Duluth City Council Resolution No. 20-0478R, the City Council approved Mayor Larson's renewed declaration of local emergency.

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2020, Mayor Larson renewed her declaration and proclamation of local emergency effective July 13, 2020, because she still finds that a local emergency exists at the end of said 30 days;

WHEREAS, on July 13, 2020, pursuant to Duluth City Council Resolution No. 20-0548R, the City Council approved Mayor Larson's renewed declaration of local emergency;

WHEREAS, on July 14, 2020, Mayor Larson renewed her declaration and proclamation of local emergency effective July 20, 2020, because she still finds that a local emergency exists at the end of said 30 days;

WHEREAS, on July 20, 2020, pursuant to Duluth City Council Resolution No. 20-0590R, the City Council approved Mayor Larson's renewed declaration of local emergency;

WHEREAS, on August 5, 2020, Mayor Larson renewed her declaration and proclamation of local emergency effective August 17, 2020, because she still finds that a local emergency exists at the end of said 30 days;

WHEREAS, on August 17, 2020, pursuant to Duluth City Council Resolution No. 20-0633R, the City Council approved Mayor Larson's renewed declaration of local emergency;

WHEREAS, on September 3, 2020, Mayor Larson renewed her declaration and proclamation of local emergency effective September 14, 2020, because she still finds that a local emergency exists at the end of said 30 days;

WHEREAS, on September 14, 2020, pursuant to Duluth City Council Resolution No. 20-0689R, the City Council approved Mayor Larson's renewed declaration of local emergency;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 12.37, an emergency declaration authorizes the City to enter into contracts and perform other duties without following many of the time-consuming legal procedures normally required, including:

- Arranging for the performance of public work
- Contracting
- Incurring obligations
- Employing temporary workers
- Renting equipment
- Purchasing supplies and materials
- Complying with limitation on tax levies
- Appropriating and expending public funds, including publication of ordinance and resolutions, advertisement for bids, provisions of civil service laws and rules, competitive bidding, and budget requirements;

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

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;

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

WHEREAS, Duluth City Code Section 17-7 provides that if an emergency does exist more than 30 days, it must be renewed by Mayor proclamation and Council resolution; and

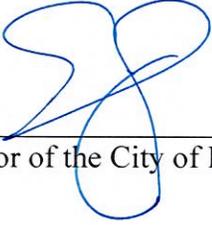
WHEREAS, the Mayor finds that the local emergency still exists at the end of said 30 days.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EMILY LARSON, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DULUTH, HEREBY PROCLAIM:

1. Effective October 12, 2020, a local state of emergency declaration is renewed for the City of Duluth pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 12.
2. COVID-19 remains a special emergency pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 365.37.
3. City staff are directed 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.
4. All City departments and offices are directed to operate and support the response to this incident, under the direction and coordination of the City's Emergency Manager Shawn Krizaj and Emergency Management Team, including implementing new employee protocols, strategies, and processes to ensure that public services are maintained.
5. The City's Emergency Manager Shawn Krizaj to request and coordinate appropriate aid and resources from surrounding jurisdictions, Saint Louis County, the State of Minnesota, and the Federal government, as needed.
6. Under the Open Meeting Law, specifically Minnesota Statutes 13D.021, that in-person public meetings of the City Council and other public bodies under the Mayor's jurisdiction are not practical or prudent because of the COVID-19 health pandemic and the emergency declared under Minnesota Statutes Chapter 12 by Governor Walz.
7. Public meetings shall continue to be held via internet and telephone consistent with Minnesota Statutes, Section 13D.021 due to the current health pandemic and emergency.
8. A regular meeting of the City Council shall be held on October 12, 2020, to discuss this declaration and consider extending the declaration.

9. The City Clerk is directed to give this declaration prompt and general publicity and file consistent to Minnesota Statute, Section 12.29.

Dated this 8th day of October 2020.



Mayor of the City of Duluth

