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**CITY OF STATE CENTER, IOWA  
PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization has reported an outbreak of thousands of cases of Novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) in multiple countries, causing illness and deaths; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services declared a national public health emergency; and

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

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, President Donald J. Trump issued a proclamation declaring that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constitutes a national emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, multiple cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed in Iowa, and the Iowa Department of Public Health has determined that community spread of COVID-19 is occurring within our state; and

**WHEREAS**, reports forwarded by local public health officials and state public health officials indicate that local resources and capacities are being exhausted, and state assistance and resources are necessary to respond to and recover from the effects of this public health disaster; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 can spread person-to-person and poses a possibility of causing severe illness in certain populations and disability and/or death to certain Iowans. Likewise, reports forwarded by federal and state officials indicate that state recommendations and directives are needed to manage and contain this outbreak; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds issued a State of Public Health Disaster Emergency outlining the State of Iowa's directive for mitigating this public threat known as the COVID-19 Pandemic, and

**WHEREAS**, the risk of transmission of COVID-19 may be substantially reduced by separating and restricting the movement of persons known or suspected to have the disease, or who have been exposed to those known or suspected to have the disease; and

**WHEREAS**, the risk of transmission of COVID-19 may be substantially reduced by community containment strategies that may include temporarily closing public buildings and other public venues; and

**WHEREAS**, following Governor Reynolds' declaration that a State of Public Health Disaster Emergency exists; and

**WHEREAS**, City of State Center, Iowa Code of Ordinances, 15.02(2) gives the State Center Mayor the obligation and authority to take command of the police and govern the City by proclamation, upon making a determination that a time of emergency or public danger exists. Within the City limits, the Mayor has all the powers conferred upon the Sheriff to suppress disorders.

**BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE** Mayor of the City of State Center that because an emergency exists in the State of Iowa, and therefore, in the City of State Center, Iowa, and that he, as mayor, is authorized to take emergency actions and to provide for the safety, health, and well-being of the citizens of State Center, Iowa, and is authorized to exercise the powers vested under this proclamation to enter into contracts and to incur obligations necessary to combat this public disaster emergency in regard to time-consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law (excepting mandatory State of Iowa requirements.)

SECTION ONE. Pursuant to City of State Center Code of Ordinances 15.02(2), I hereby order that effective today, March 18, 2020, and continuing until further notice:

- A. All City of State Center public buildings are closed to the public.
- B. All Utility and Public Works employees will not be entering any private buildings in the course of their duties.
- C. The City of State Center City Hall staff will accept utility payments by drop-box or credit card payments by phone. All new services will be set up by appointment only and then by passage of documents through the drop-box.
- D. The City of State Center, until further notice, will observe a No Shut-off utility policy.
- E. The Gutekunst Public Library will operate limited hours and with a curb-side pick-up/return system as long as satisfactory disinfection procedures can be implemented.
- F. All emergency services, Police/Fire/EMS, will operate with safety precautions outlined by Standard Operating Procedures, CDC and IDPH recommendations.
- G. No residential evictions shall be permitted during the period of emergency.

SECTION TWO. Also, pursuant to City of State Center Code of Ordinances 15.02(2), I hereby notify the citizens of State Center, Iowa, that additional emergency mandates and policies may be added by order of the Mayor as the State of Public Health Disaster Emergency, as defined by the Governor of Iowa, evolves.

DATED this 18 day of March 2020.



Steven J. Sodders, State Center Mayor