



EMERGENCY DECLARATION
RESOLUTION #2020-6

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WHEREAS, the Coronavirus (COVID-19) is a severe respiratory illness which has been found capable of spreading from person-to-person, thereby posing a threat to the health and safety of the residents of Cass County; and

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

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of North Dakota issued Executive Order 2020-03 declaring a state of emergency within North Dakota in response to the public health crisis, pursuant to his constitutional and statutory authority; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota Century Code Chapter 37-17.1 contemplates that counties may declare an emergency, and state and local jurisdictions may work cooperatively to address emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, Cass County has or may experience the presence of COVID-19 within our jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, Article 2 of Cass County's Home Rule Charter empowers the Cass County Commission to provide for the health, safety and welfare of its citizens;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cass County Board of Commissioners finds that Cass County has or will experience COVID-19 within Cass County and hereby declares a state of emergency exists in Cass County;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that departments of Cass County Government are authorized to implement actions and mitigation measures which, together with federal, state and other local agencies will limit the hardships and impacts related to COVID-19 upon Cass County citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Declaration shall extend for a period of thirty (30) days from the date hereof, unless it is sooner amended or terminated by the Cass County Board of Commissioners, but may also be extended for additional periods thereafter.

Dated at Fargo, North Dakota, this 16th day of March, 2020.

APPROVED:

Chad Peterson, Chairman
Cass County Commission

ATTEST:

Michael Montplaisir
Cass County Finance Director