CITY OF MAYER, CARVER COUNTY, MINNESOTA

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION
AND DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Mike Dodge, the Mayor of the City of Mayer (the "Mayor") finds that under the authority provided by Chapter 12 and related laws of the State of Minnesota, the following situation (the "Situation") exists:

PEACETIME EMERGENCY DUE TO COVID-19 HEALTH PANDEMIC; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has been identified by the World Health Organization as a pandemic, and the United States Centers for Disease Controls (CDC) has provide guidance for individuals, healthcare professionals, and businesses to slow the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human services Secretary Alex Azar declared a public health emergency for COVID-19, beginning on January 27, 2010; and

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

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Governor Tim Walz issued an Executive Order declaring a Peacetime State of Emergency to authorize any and all resources to be used in support of the COVID-19 response; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Executive Order along with this Declaration triggers activation of the City's Emergency Management Organization and enables the City to exercise its emergency powers; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mayer's staff and elected officials have the need to continue to prepare and to work diligently with local, state, and federal partners to maintain situational awareness and respond to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor finds the situation presents a combination of circumstances that are sudden and could not have been anticipated; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor finds that this Situation threatens the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the community and threatens the continuation and efficient delivery of City services; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor finds that the Situation poses a risk or may cause extensive personal injury, damage, or disaster to the City if not immediately addressed; and

NOW, THEREFORE, MAYOR MIKE DODGE OF THE CITY OF MAYER, MINNESOTA DECLARES, REQUESTS, AND DIRECTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Under the authority given by Minnesota Statutes Section 12.29, declares that a local emergency exists within the City of Mayer, Minnesota, effective March 19, 2020, with all the powers and responsibilities attending thereto as provided by Minnesota Statutes Chapter 12.

2. This declaration of a local emergency will invoke the City's Emergency Operations Plan. The portions that are necessary for the response to and recovery from the Situation are authorized, including but not limited to all appropriate community containment and mitigation strategies. To the extent normal state laws and City policies and procedures impede an efficient response to compliance with federal and state directives and recommendations, the City Administrator, Emergency Management Director, and their designees are authorized to suspend compliance with those laws, policies, and procedures (as permitted by Minnesota Statutes Section 12.37) and to take those actions necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

3. Directs all City Departments and offices to operate and support the response to this incident, under the direction and coordination of the City Administrator, including implementing new employee protocols, strategies, and processes to ensure that essential pubic services are maintained.

4. Requests that the City Council discuss the Situation and this Emergency Declaration at the Special Meeting noticed for March 19, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. This Emergency Declaration shall continue for a period of three (3) days from its effective date of March 19, 2010, unless further extended by or with the consent of the City Council pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 12.29.

5. Directs that social distancing measures be utilized during the Special Meeting noticed for March 19, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. These measures include arranging seating in a manner to avoid close contact pursuant to interim guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

6. Requests that the City Council discuss additional public safety-related considerations with respect to future meetings of the City Council, Planning Commission, and other advisory commissions of the City of Mayer during the

Special Meeting noticed for March 19, 2020, at 5:30 p.m., including considering suspending non-essential meetings and conducting future essential meetings by telephone or by other electronic means pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 13D.021.

7. Orders that this declaration be given prompt and general publicity and that it be filed promptly by the City Administrator.

DATED: March 19, 2020

Mike Dodge, Mayor

Attest:

Margaret McCallum, City Administrator