



## — Proclamation of Disaster Emergency —

**WHEREAS**, Iowa Code Section 372.14(2) and the Indianola City Code Chapter 15.02(2) grant the Mayor powers in emergency circumstances when public danger exists to take extraordinary steps to protect the public health and safety; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor has 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; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor of the City of Indianola does hereby find; That conditions of extreme peril to the safety of citizens and businesses has arisen within Indianola, caused by COVID-19 (also known as Coronavirus); which follows Governor Reynolds Proclamation of Disaster Emergency on March 17, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, across the globe, the disease has been dramatically spread through contact by those with no known correlation to any affected areas or without contact with those known to be infected, called "community spread" and the Iowa Department of Public Health ("IDPH") has now identified community spread in the Des Moines Metro area and has issued new recommendations for individuals with underlying conditions, and all Iowans should be prepared for cancellations and disruptions in routine activities; and

**WHEREAS**, a high rate of infection has been shown to overwhelm medical systems throughout the world and numerous governmental entities and epidemiologists have stated that community spread in the United States poses the same risk of overwhelming American medical systems; and

**WHEREAS**, the IDPH has recommended the immediate implementation of several mitigation measures to have the most significant impact on slowing the spread of the virus, including avoiding social, community, spiritual, religious, recreational, leisure, and sporting gatherings and events of more than 10 people at all locations and venues, including but not limited to parades, festivals, conventions, and fundraisers. Planned large gatherings and events within the City of Indianola must be canceled or postponed until after termination of this disaster.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED** that a local emergency now exists throughout the City of Indianola, Iowa, and;

**IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED** that this emergency proclamation shall continue for thirty (30) days after issuance and shall expire on April 16 at 11:59 p.m., unless sooner terminated or extended in writing by the Mayor of the City of Indianola, Iowa.

I hereby direct the Police Department of the City of Indianola to take whatever steps necessary to protect life and property, public infrastructure, and provide such emergency assistance



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deemed necessary. City operations shall continue although public access at City buildings will be restricted. Citizens and those wishing to conduct business with the City should do so via phone and or other electronic communication. City programs will be cancelled until further notice. Citizens are encouraged to practice social distancing to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 disease.

Further, consistent with the recommendations of the IDPH, the Center for Disease Control, and Governor Reynolds' Proclamation of Disaster Emergency issued on March 17, 2020, all social, community, spiritual, religious, recreational, leisure, and sporting gatherings and events of more than 10 people at all locations and venues, including but not limited to parades, festivals, conventions, and fundraisers shall be prohibited within the City of Indianola.

**PROCLAIMED THIS 18TH DAY OF MARCH, 2020 BY THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CODE OF IOWA AND THE CITY OF INDIANOLA MUNICIPAL CODE:**

Signed,

Kelly B. Shaw,  
Mayor

