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**MAYOR**

## A Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, on March 15, 2020, the Wood County Health Department confirmed the first case of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and on March 13, 2020 the Governor of the State of Wisconsin ordered the closure of public and private schools; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 is spreading from person to person in parts of the world. Risk of infection from the virus that causes COVID-19 is higher for people who are close contacts of someone known to have COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a respiratory illness that can spread from person to person. The virus that causes COVID-19 is a novel coronavirus that was first identified during an investigation into an outbreak in Wuhan, China.

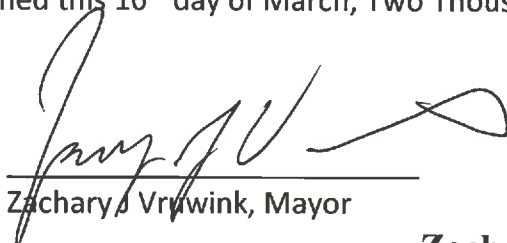
**NOW THEREFORE**, I Zachary J Vruwink, Mayor of the City of Wisconsin Rapids as a result of the above noted situation and under the powers vested in Chapter 323.14 (4) (b) of the Wisconsin Statutes and do hereby declare that a state of emergency exists in the City of Wisconsin Rapids and it is necessary and expedient for the health, safety, and protection of the City to temporarily suspend or modify applicable ordinances or resolutions to allow immediate response to meet the needs of the extraordinary existing conditions as follows:

Implementation of the following:

- Suspension of all non-essential business travel for employees
- Implementation of Employee Quarantine Policies as established by Wood County Health Department
- Addition of an Emergency Paid Sick Leave policy effective March 16, 2020- to provide for up to 80 hours of to be used for employees who need leave, whether it be for the employee being ill, a family member being ill, the need for childcare, or a department being closed.
- Closure of Departments or City facilities if necessary or mandated as a result of the current emergency declaration.

Signed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, Two Thousand and Twenty in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin.

By:



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Zachary J. Vruwink, Mayor

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