

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, one of the most important responsibilities of City Government is the protection of the citizens it serves; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 9, 2020 a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency was issued to coordinate the State of Iowa's response to this outbreak and such disaster continues to exist; 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**, on March 17, 2020, Governor Reynolds issued a State of Public Health Disaster Emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, Iowa Department of Public Health and Governor Reynolds has recommended immediate implementation of several mitigation measures including avoiding gatherings of events of more than 10 people, and

**WHEREAS**, Iowa Code and the Mason City City Code grants the Mayor powers in emergency circumstances when public danger exists to take extraordinary steps to protect the public health and safety; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Schickel, Mayor of Mason City, Iowa do hereby proclaim the following;

I hereby determine that a state of emergency or public danger exists and direct that all gatherings of 10 people or more on public property or public right-of-way are hereby prohibited as of midnight tonight and any permits or permissions previously granted are hereby rescinded.

This Proclamation of emergency and public danger is part of an ongoing response of the City of Mason City to protect public health and safety and may be modified or superseded with more restrictive proclamations at any time as circumstances warrant.

I further ask all citizens to follow the guidelines set out by Centers for Disease Control, the Iowa Department of Public Health, and Cerro Gordo Public Health.

*Whereupon I subscribe my name and the seal of the City of Mason City on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.*

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*Bill Schickel, Mayor*