

PROCLAMATION NO. 2020_0316

Whereas, the Mayor of Cottonwood finds that the following situation exists:

The infectious disease known as COVID-19, an act of nature, has been detected in 118 countries and territories, including the United States. COVID-19 has been reported in 47 states with 54 confirmed cases in Minnesota.

Whereas, the Mayor finds that the situation is sudden and unforeseen and could not have been anticipated;

Whereas, the Mayor finds necessary the need to comply with recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Minnesota Department of Health to better mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on the public and health care systems;

Whereas, the Mayor finds that this situation threatens the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the community;

Whereas, the Mayor finds that the situation could result in an unknown number of infections if not immediately addressed; and

Whereas, the Mayor finds that traditional sources of relief are not able to meet the needs and requirements to address the current situation.

Now, therefore, the Mayor declares this situation to be a local emergency effective at 2:00 PM on Monday, March 16, 2020.

This declaration of a local emergency will invoke the city's all hazard mitigation plan. The portions that are necessary for response to and recovery from the emergency must be used. This declaration will also invoke the City's Temporary Policies in Response to COVID-19.

Mayor

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City Administrator