CITY OF LAKE ST. CROIX BEACH
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-06

RESOLUTION DECLARING STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO COVID-19

WHEREAS, the virus named "SARS-CoV-2," is a new strain of coronavirus that has not previously been identified in humans and can easily spread from person to person and which causes a disease named "coronavirus disease 2019," commonly known as "COVID-19," which is a respiratory disease that can result in serious injury or death; and

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2020 the first case of COVID-19 was detected in the United States; on March 6, 2020 the first case of COVID-19 was detected in the State of Minnesota; and as of March 16, 2020, there are thirty-five known cases of COVID-19 in Minnesota, including cases in the Twin Cities metro area; 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, 2020; 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 declared a Peacetime State of Emergency to authorize and all necessary resources to be used in support of the COVID-19 response; and

WHEREAS, as of March 15, 2020 the World Health Organization Situation Report confirmed a total of 153,517 cases of COVID-19 in over 135 countries, including 5,735 deaths; and as of March 15, 2020, a total of 35 cases of COVID-19 have been reported in Minnesota including multiple cases in the Twin Cities area; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has been identified by the World Health Organization as a pandemic, and the Untied States Centers for Disease Control has provided guidance for individuals, healthcare professionals, and businesses to slow the spread of COVID-19, which include cancelling or postponing in-person events or meetings that involve more than ten people for the next several weeks; and

WHEREAS, the City has been preparing, working diligently with local, state, and federal partners to maintain situational awareness and respond to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, additional local cases will trigger a more aggressive public health response and are predicted to impact residents of the City of Lake St. Croix Beach and those who work in or travel through the City, including City employees; and the need for social distancing, school closings, and quarantine methods to slow the spread of COVID-19 is expected to cause significant challenges; and

WHEREAS, the City Administrator and Emergency Management Director find that this situation threatens the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the community and will cause a significant impact on the ability of public safety personnel to address any immediate dangers to the public as a result of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the City Administrator and Emergency Management Director find that traditional sources of financial aid, assistance and relief will not be able to compensate for the potential impact of COVID-19, and have determined that the necessary resources to respond to and recover from this pandemic will exceed those resources available within the City of Lake St. Croix Beach and additional resources will be needed from Washington County and state and federal sources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND DIRECTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE ST. CROIX BEACH AS FOLLOWS:

1. Under the authority given by Minnesota Statutes, Section 12.29, declares that a local emergency exists within the City effective March 16, 2020, with all the powers and responsibilities attending thereto as provided by Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 12.

2. Directs City Staff to review ordinance and regulatory requirements, operations, civil and legal proceedings, events, and resources to determine whether the foregoing should be adjusted or suspended, and to make recommendations regarding additional emergency regulations to support the employees and residents of the City.

3. Directs the City's Emergency Management Director and other appropriate City staff to request and coordinate appropriate aid and resources from surrounding jurisdictions, Washington County, the State of Minnesota, and the Federal government, as needed.

4. Declares, under Minnesota Statues, Section 13D.021, that in-person meetings of the City Council, Planning Commission, and other advisory commissions of the City of are not practical or prudent due to the COVID-19 health pandemic and the peacetime emergency declared by Governor Walz pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 12, and hereby directs that meetings of the City Council, Planning Commission, and other advisory commissions of the City shall be conducted by telephone or other electronic means, and hereby directs City Staff to take such action as may be necessary to enable such meetings to occur via telephone or other electronic means pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 13D.021, until such time as it is no longer impractical or imprudent for the City Council, Planning Commission, and other advisory commission to resume in-person meetings.

5. **This emergency declaration shall continue until further order of the City Council, or until such time as the Federal Government and State of Minnesota lift its own emergency declarations regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, whichever occurs sooner.**

6. This declaration be given prompt and general publicity and that it be posted by the City Clerk.

Resolution passed and executed this 16th day of March, 2020 on the following roll call vote:

Aye Armstrong
Absent Ludwig
Aye Bulera
Aye Bluesky
Aye McCarthy

Signed: _____
Mayor Thomas McCarthy

Attest: _____
David Engstrom, City Clerk Administrator