

CITY OF BEMIDJI PROCLAMATION AND DECLARATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY, AND CURFEW ORDER

WHEREAS, on May 25, 2020, a Minneapolis police officer killed George Floyd while in the custody of officers of the Minneapolis Police Department;

WHEREAS, George Floyd's death triggered mass demonstrations across Minnesota and the rest of the Country;

WHEREAS, On May 28 and May 29th demonstrators burned down a Minneapolis Police Precinct and dozens of businesses;

WHEREAS, on the morning of May 30, 2020, the landmark Babe the Blue Ox was vandalized with the word "Justice", and in the afternoon a subset of demonstrators committed criminal acts of violence and vandalism, including damaging a police vehicle;

WHEREAS, there have been credible threats to businesses, law enforcement, and the general public;

WHEREAS, the City of Bemidji recognizes the First Amendment rights of all residents and supports the right to demonstrate. However, the City of Bemidji does not condone criminal activity that detracts from the vast majority of peaceful demonstrators;

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute §12.29 allows the Mayor of a municipality to declare a peace time emergency, invoke necessary portions of the City's Emergency Operations Plans, and authorizes aid and services in accordance with mutual aid agreements;

WHEREAS, Rita Albrecht is the duly elected Mayor of the City of Bemidji and wishes to invoke the authority provided for in Minn. Stat. §12.29 subd. 1 to declare a local emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, MAYOR ALBRECHT DECLARES, REQUESTS AND DIRECTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. **Declare a Local Emergency.** The situation identified herein to be a local emergency and further executes this Declaration of Local Emergency as authorized and further executes this Declaration of Local Emergency as authorized by Minn. Stat. §12.29 for a period of time not exceeding three days from the effective date unless extended upon consent of the City Council pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 12.29 subd. 1.

2. Order a Temporary Curfew as follows:
 - a. **Night time Curfew:** A night time curfew is imposed on all public places within the City of Bemidji beginning at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 30, 2020 through 6:00

a.m. Sunday May 31, 2020 and again at 8:00 p.m. on Sunday May 31, 2020 until 6:00 a.m. on Monday June 1, 2020.

- b. **Prohibited Travel:** During the night time curfew, no travel is allowed on any public street, sidewalk, path or any public place.
- c. **Exceptions:** The following are exempt: Law Enforcement, fire, medics, city and county employees authorized by the City of Bemidji, any person needed for logistical purposes authorized by the City of Bemidji and individuals traveling directly to and from work, seeking emergency care, fleeing danger, or experiencing homelessness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Declaration of Local Emergency does not end or change the existing Declaration of Local Emergency, as Amended for the COVID-19 pandemic.

ATTEST on this 30th day of May:



Nathan Mathews, City Manager

APPROVED on this 30th day of May:



Rita C. Albrecht, Mayor

City of Bemidji

