

PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY DECLARATION
FOR
WILLIAMS COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA



March 31, 2020

WHEREAS, Williams County, North Dakota continues to monitor COVID-19 activity; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a severe respiratory illness that is spread from person to person, posing a threat to the health and safety of the residents of Williams County; and

WHEREAS, no drug or vaccine is currently available to treat or prevent COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, US Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Alex M. Azar II declared a public health emergency for the United States to aid the nation's health care community responding to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, United States President Donald Trump proclaimed that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constitutes a national emergency, beginning March 1, 2020;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, State of North Dakota Governor Doug Burgum issued Executive Order 2020-03 declaring a state of emergency within North Dakota in response to the public health crisis related to COVID-19:

WHEREAS, the impact of COVID-19 and cascading events threatens the health, well-being, and safety of citizens in Williams County; and

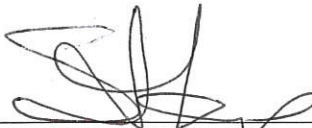
WHEREAS, Williams County departments and offices are undergoing efforts to mitigate activity through employee education, reviewing continuity of services, and purchasing supplies for increased cleaning efforts and virus protection; and

WHEREAS, the mitigation efforts may have a serious financial effect in excess of Williams County resources due to the unknown COVID-19 duration; and

WHEREAS, N.D.C.C. Chapter 37-17.1 authorizes counties to declare a local state of emergency order, and state and local jurisdictions may work cooperatively to address emergency situations;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Williams County Board of County Commissioners, in response to the public health crisis resulting from COVID-19, and by virtue of the authority under N.D.C.C. Chapter 37-17.1, hereby declares a local state of emergency to be effective in and throughout Williams County, North Dakota, including, to the extent permitted by law, all incorporated cities and other political subdivisions within Williams County.

DATED this 31st day of March, 2020.



Steve Kemp, Chairman
Williams County Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:



Beth M. Innis, Williams County Auditor

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