



**CITY OF WAUSAU  
MARATHON COUNTY, WISCONSIN  
PROCLAMATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY  
PURSUANT TO WIS. STATS. §323.14(4)(b)**

**WHEREAS**, the 2019 novel coronavirus (“COVID-19”) is a contagious, and at times fatal, respiratory disease; the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 and the effects of its extreme risk of person-to-person transmission throughout the United States significantly affect the lives and health of citizens, as well as the economy, and is a disaster that impacts the health, security and safety of the public; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization designated the 2019 novel Coronavirus outbreak as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern; on January 31, 2020, the United States Health and Human Services Secretary Alex M. Azar II declared a Public Health Emergency for the entire United States to aid the nation’s healthcare community in responding to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization characterized the COVID-19 outbreak as a pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 12, 2020, the Governor of the State of Wisconsin through Executive Order #72 declared a State of Emergency in response to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency with respect to the COVID-19 outbreak; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 has or is expected to impact the City of Wausau; and

**WHEREAS**, emergency conditions exist and the Common Council of the City of Wausau is unable to meet promptly to address all conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Wis. Stats. §§323.11 and 323.14(4)(b), it is necessary and expedient for the public order, life, health, safety, and welfare of the City of Wausau to proclaim that emergency conditions exist; and

**WHEREAS**, the emergency has or will imminently cause the City of Wausau to extend, commit and exhaust its pertinent available resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Wausau requests State and Federal assistance and advises the State of Wisconsin of its emergency conditions.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, pursuant to Wis. Stats. §§323.11 and 323.14(4)(b), as Mayor and Chief Executive Officer of the City of Wausau, I hereby:

1. Proclaim that a public health state of emergency exists in the City of Wausau; and it is necessary and expedient for the health, safety, and protection of the City to temporarily suspend or modify applicable ordinances or resolutions to allow immediate response to meet the needs of the



extraordinary existing conditions for as long as the emergency public health emergency remains in effect in this state; and

2. Authorize the emergency purchase of goods and materials; and
3. Authorize emergency purchases of services; and
4. Authorize the closure or other appropriate limitations related to access by the public in all departments or City buildings and facilities as necessary and mandated as a result of the current emergency declaration; and
5. Authorize that all appropriate measures be taken related to City employees in addressing and responding to this state of emergency; and
6. This Proclamation shall be implemented consistent with applicable laws and subject to the availability of existing monies for such purposes.

Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020, in Wausau, Wisconsin.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert B. Mielke". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "R" and "M".

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Robert B. Mielke, Mayor