



## **PROCLAMATION OF A DISASTER IN THE VILLAGE OF NORTH AURORA**

Under the authority of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act (20 ILCS 3305) I, Dale Berman, Village President of the Village of North Aurora, upon recommendation of the North Aurora Emergency Management Coordinator, do hereby proclaim that a disaster exists in the Village of North Aurora due to the following reasons:

**WHEREAS**, in late 2019, a new and significant outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) emerged in China; and,

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 is a novel severe acute respiratory illness that can spread among people through respiratory transmissions and present with symptoms similar to those of influenza; and,

**WHEREAS**, certain populations are at higher risk of experiencing more severe illness as a result of COVID-19, including older adults and people who have serious chronic medical conditions such as heart disease, diabetes, or lung disease; and,

**WHEREAS**, we are continuing our efforts to prepare for any eventuality given that this is a novel illness and given the known health risks it poses for the elderly and those with serious chronic medical conditions; and,

**WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a Public Health Emergency of International Concern on January 30, 2020, and the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services declared that COVID-19 presents a public health emergency on January 27, 2020; and,

**WHEREAS**, on March, 9, 2020, the Governor of the State of Illinois issued a Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation for the reasons set forth herein; and

**WHEREAS**, the President of the United States declared the COVID-19 outbreak in the as a national emergency; and,

**WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization has reported 207,855 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 8,648 deaths attributable to COVID-19 globally as of March 19, 2020; and,

**WHEREAS**, in response to the recent COVID-19 outbreaks in China, Iran, Italy and South Korea, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") has deemed it necessary to prohibit or restrict non-essential travel to or from those countries; and,

**WHEREAS**, the CDC has advised older travelers and those with chronic medical conditions to avoid nonessential travel, and has advised all travelers to exercise enhanced precautions; and,

**WHEREAS**, the CDC currently recommends community preparedness and everyday prevention measures be taken by all individuals and families in the United States, including voluntary home isolation when individuals are sick with respiratory symptoms, covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue, washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, use of alcohol-based hand sanitizers with at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not readily available, and routinely cleaning frequently touched surfaces and objects to increase community resilience and readiness for responding to an outbreak; and,

**WHEREAS**, a vaccine or drug is currently not available for COVID-19; and,

**WHEREAS**, in communities with confirmed COVID-19 cases, the CDC currently recommends mitigation measures, including staying at home when sick, when a household member is sick with respiratory disease symptoms or when instructed to do so by public health officials or a health care provider and keeping away from others who are sick; and,

**WHEREAS**, despite efforts to contain COVID-19, the World Health Organization and the CDC indicate that it is expected to spread; and,

**WHEREAS**, there are currently 288 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 1 death from COVID-19 in Illinois; and,

**WHEREAS**, one of the confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Illinois has not been linked to any travel activity or to an already-confirmed COVID-19 case, which indicates community transmission in Illinois; and,

**WHEREAS**, there are currently 3 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Kane County; and,

**WHEREAS**, based on the foregoing, the circumstances surrounding COVID-19 constitute a public health emergency under Section 4 of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is the policy of the Village of North Aurora that the Village will be prepared to address any disasters and, therefore, it is necessary and appropriate to make additional Village resources available to ensure that the effects of COVID-19 are mitigated and minimized and that residents and visitors in the Village remain safe and secure; and,

**WHEREAS**, this proclamation will assist Village departments in coordinating resources, including the Strategic National Stockpile of medicines and protective equipment, in preparation for any action that may be necessary related to the potential impact of COVID-19 in the Village of North Aurora; and,

**WHEREAS**, these conditions provide legal justification for the issuance of a declaration of a state of emergency pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/11-1-6 and the emergency powers of the Village President pursuant to Section 2.48.040 of the Code of the Village of North Aurora;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in the interest of aiding the people of the Village of North Aurora, and the public at large, I, Dale Berman, Village President of the Village of North Aurora, hereby proclaim as follows:

**SECTION 1.** The above recitals are incorporated herein by reference.

**SECTION 2.** Based on the above recitals, and pursuant to the provisions to 65 ILCS 5/11-1-6 and the emergency powers of the Village President pursuant to Section 2.48.040 of the Code of the Village of North Aurora, I find and declare that a state of emergency exists in the Village of North Aurora, State of Illinois.

**SECTION 3.** I direct the Village Administrator and department heads to exercise necessary and prudent actions to respond to COVID-19 and preserve public health, safety, and welfare, including, but not limited to, the following: closing Village facilities to the public, adjusting staff work hours, cancelling non-essential meetings and trainings, conducting additional cleaning of Village facilities, and conducting Village business electronically or via phone where practicable, and suspending certain non-emergency Village services to limit risk to staff and the public.

**SECTION 4.** This proclamation shall be effective immediately and remain in effect until the first regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees after the date of this declaration.



Dale Berman, Village President  
Village of North Aurora

Filed this 19 day of March, 2020 with the Clerk of the Village of North Aurora.

Signature of Village Clerk: 

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