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**CITY OF WASHINGTON, IOWA  
EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, COVID-19 poses a serious threat to the public health and safety of the City of Washington, Iowa, as outlined by the Center for Disease Control (“CDC”); and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Department of Public Health (“IDPH”) has now determined that community spread of COVID-19 has occurred in the State of Iowa; and

WHEREAS, the CDC has recommended that persons do not congregate in gatherings of over fifty (50) persons to attempt to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in the general public; and

WHEREAS, the Hon. Governor Kim Reynolds has recommended that all school districts within the State of Iowa close for a period of four (4) weeks to help to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 within the State; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of the Washington Community School District has heretofore closed the Washington Community School District for an indefinite period, expected to be at least four (4) weeks from March 16, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Section 15.02(2) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Washington and Section 372.14(2) of the Code of Iowa (2019) grant the Mayor powers to declare an emergency and govern through proclamation to protect the health and safety of the citizens of Washington.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jaron P. Rosien, the duly elected Mayor of the City of Washington, Iowa, do hereby proclaim the following:

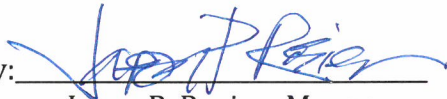
1. That a state of emergency or public danger exists within the City of Washington because of the threat of the spread of the COVID-19 virus.
2. That based upon the advice of the CDC and other public health agencies, I hereby declare that the Washington Free Public Library will be closed to the public beginning upon execution of this Proclamation. Staff shall report as normal.

3. That pursuant to CDC recommendations, gatherings of fifty (50) or more people are strongly discouraged until further notice.

4. That this Proclamation of Emergency may be modified and/or superseded by future proclamation of the Office of the Mayor of Washington as future events warrant.

5. That any violation of any proclamation of the Office of the Mayor of the City of Washington, Iowa, shall be enforceable by the Washington Police Department and any violation of the same shall be a violation of Section 15.02(2) of the Code of Ordinances and punishable as a simple misdemeanor.

Dated this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

By:   
Jaron P. Rosien, Mayor