

**CITY OF FOREST LAKE
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
RESOLUTION NO. 2-8-21-01
DECLARATION AND RESOLUTION EXTENDING DECLARATION
OF LOCAL EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 12.29, the Mayor executed the City of Forest Lake Declaration of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, by Resolution No. 03-19-20-07, the City Council consented to the Mayor's decision and authorized the extension of the Declaration of Emergency for a period of 8 weeks, unless terminated or extended by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, on May 11, 2020, by Resolution No. 05-11-20-03, and through a series of resolutions up to and including Resolution 12-14-20-01, the City Council authorized the extension of the Declaration of Emergency until 11:59 p.m. on February 16, 2021, unless terminated or further extended by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Governor Tim Walz declared a Peacetime State of Emergency to authorize all necessary resources to be used in support of the COVID-19 response; and

WHEREAS, on April 13, 2020, Governor Walz extended the Peacetime State of Emergency through May 13, 2020, and concluded that it would be prudent to limit subsequent extensions to 30-day increments; and

WHEREAS, on May 13, 2020, Governor Walz issued Emergency Executive Order 20-53, extending the Peacetime State of Emergency through June 12, 2020, on the grounds that the spread of COVID-19 continues in Minnesota and continued to place our most vulnerable residents at risk; and

WHEREAS, on June 12, July 13, August 12, and September 11, 2020, October 12, November 12, 2020, December 14, 2020, and January 13, 2021, Governor Walz issued Emergency Executive Orders 20-75, 20-78, 20-83, 20-89, 20-92, 20-97, 20-100, and 21-04, respectively, each extending the Peacetime State of Emergency for 30-day increments on the grounds that the COVID-19 pandemic "continues to endanger life and property in Minnesota, and local resources are inadequate to address the threat"; and

WHEREAS, Governor Walz has indicated that he believes it prudent to continue to extend the Peacetime State of Emergency in 30-day increments and his published plans for a phased "reopening" of the State indicate that Governor Walz will further extend the Peacetime State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, the City of Forest Lake Emergency Management Director has been working diligently with local, state, and federal partners to maintain situational awareness and respond to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the pandemic has and will continue to impact residents of Forest Lake and those who work in or travel through the City; and social distancing, business interruptions, and quarantine methods to stop the spread of COVID-19 are expected to continue to cause significant challenges; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council continue to find that the pandemic threatens the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the community; and

WHEREAS, for the reasons stated above and in the Declaration of Emergency, the City Council continues to find that it is reasonable, prudent, and will serve the public health, safety, and welfare to extend the Declaration of Emergency, and therefore consents to the extension thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FOREST LAKE, WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City of Forest Lake Declaration of Emergency is hereby extended pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 12.29 and shall continue until 11:59 p.m. on April 21, 2021, unless terminated or further extended by resolution of the City Council.
2. This extension of the Declaration of Emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and be filed promptly by the City Clerk.

Declared this 8th day of February, 2021.

CITY OF FOREST LAKE

Mara Bain
Its: Mayor

Attest:

Karin Derauf
Its: Deputy City Clerk