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## DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY IN FITCHBURG, WISCONSIN

**WHEREAS**, in December 2019, a novel strain of the coronavirus was detected, which causes coronavirus disease, now named COVID-19, and it has spread throughout numerous countries, including the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, international organizations, the federal government, the state government, and local governments are all working together to contain the further spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS** the World Health Organization has declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern, the United States Department of Health and Human Services has declared a Public Health Emergency, and the State of Wisconsin has declared a Public Health Emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to protect the health and well-being of our residents, we must all avail ourselves to all the resources needed to respond to and contain the presence of COVID-19 in our community; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Aaron Richardson, Mayor of the City of Fitchburg, by the authority vested in me by sections 323.11 and 323.14(4) (b) of the Wisconsin Statutes, hereby

- Proclaim that a public health emergency exists within the City of Fitchburg until such a time as the City of Fitchburg Council votes to repeal this proclamation or the State of Wisconsin Public Health Emergency is no longer in effect.
- Authorize the City Administrator, in consultation with the Mayor, to take such measures regarding limiting non-essential City activities as he deems necessary and appropriate to help contain the spread of COVID-19 in our community.
- Urge all residents of the City to comply with the March 15, 2020 Public Health Madison and Dane County Order regarding gatherings of 50 people or more.
- Urge all residents of the City to practice social distancing to the maximum extent that they are able to do so.
- Encourage landlords within the City to exercise discretion and compassion when dealing with tenants within our community who may struggle in the payment of their rent due to COVID-19.

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

  
Mayor Aaron Richardson