



**A PROCLAMATION DECLARING A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY
UNDER WIS. STATS. §§323.11 & 323.14**

WHEREAS, a novel strain of the coronavirus is detected, known as COVID-19, and having spread throughout over 150 countries, including the United States;

WHEREAS, in response to the spread of COVID-19, international organizations and every level of government in the United States are working in order to contain the further spread of this disease and treat existing cases;

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statutes gives a local health officer authority to do what is reasonable and necessary for prevention and suppression of disease, and the City's health officer activated our public health emergency response team in February;

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers has declared a PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY by Executive Order 72;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Donald Merkes, Mayor of the City of Menasha, Wisconsin, by the authority granted to me by Wis. Stats. §§323.11 & 323.14(4)(b), declare a PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY in the City of Menasha this 17th day of March, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic. All City officers and employees are directed to assist as appropriate in the ongoing response to this public health emergency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Mayor and department heads are authorized to implement operating procedures in an effort to promote the containment and elimination of this public health emergency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, authority under the statutes is provided to order whatever is necessary and expedient for the health, safety, protection, and welfare of persons and property within the City of Menasha during this emergency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, all non-essential committee meetings within the City of Menasha are suspended, a grace period for payments, registrations and licenses is imposed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Proclamation shall be submitted to the City of Menasha Common Council for consideration and ratification at its meeting on April 5, 2020, pursuant to Wis. Stat. §323.14.

Executed this 17th day of March, 2020.

Donald Merkes
Mayor, City of Menasha