RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A COMMUNITY-WIDE MASK DIRECTIVE

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization Director General declared the outbreak of COVID-19 as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern, advising countries to prepare for the containment, detection, isolation and case management, contact tracing, and prevention of onward spread of the disease;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump issued a declaration of a national emergency due to the growing COVID-19 crisis in the United States;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Governor Doug Burgum issued a declaration of a state emergency in response to the public health crisis resulting from COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Minot City Council approved an emergency declaration relating to the COVID-19 crisis;

WHEREAS, the State of North Dakota is now promoting a “MaskUpND” initiative, encouraging North Dakota residents and visitors to wear masks in an effort to assist in keeping North Dakota citizens safe;

WHEREAS, other major cities in North Dakota have implemented mask directives in an effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the City of Minot now wishes to implement a mask directive, to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and to keep citizens and visitors of Minot safe.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the City of Minot adopts the following resolution regarding a mask directive:

1. Intent: This intent of this Resolution is to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in our community. As a public entity, the City of Minot must lead by example to support and comply with State initiatives and the recommendations of public health authorities. The health and safety of our community is vital. Each resident, visitor, and business within Minot plays a crucial role in the mitigation of the spread of COVID-19.

2. The City Council of the City of Minot strongly appeals to the good judgment and common sense of the residents, visitors, and businesses of Minot to comply with the following directives:
   a. Residents and visitors within public places, common areas, and private businesses in Minot are strongly encouraged to utilize face coverings when in public places and unable to maintain a six-foot distance between themselves and other people, as recommended by the CDC;
   b. Residents and visitors are strongly encouraged to continue practicing proper distancing whenever possible;
   c. Residents and visitors are strongly encouraged to practice healthy handwashing and hygiene habits, including the regular disinfection of commonly touched surfaces.
3. All Minot residents, visitors, and businesses are strongly encouraged to actively participate in the mitigation of COVID-19, which is crucial in the preservation of, among other things, the lives of at-risk and immunocompromised community members, the livelihood of local businesses and the Minot economy, and the quality of life in Minot.

4. This Resolution shall have an effective date of August 24, 2020 and an expiration date of November 16, 2020, unless extended or terminated earlier by the majority of the City Council.

This Resolution was approved by the Minot City Council on _____________, 2020.

ATTEST:                    APPROVED:

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Kelly Matalka, City Clerk                   Shaun Sipma, Mayor