

## **PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY**

*March 23, 2020*

**CITY OF GIBSON  
FORD COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of COVID-19 to be a public health emergency of international concern and on March 11, 2020 declared a worldwide pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary declared a public health emergency for the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Illinois issued a disaster proclamation on March 9, 2020 due to the impact of the COVID-19 virus and has activated the State Emergency Operations Center; and

WHEREAS, the State Emergency Management Agency has declared a public health emergency due to the impact of the COVID-19 virus; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020 the Governor of the State of Illinois issued Executive order 2020-07 whereby beginning March 18, 2020 all public gatherings of 50 or more people would be prohibited and whereby provisions of the Illinois Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120 requiring physical presence at municipal meetings is suspended; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gibson adopted Article I Chapter 30 Civil Emergency to the Revised Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has considered the existence of a public health emergency due to COVID-19 in that it spreads easily, presents a life-threatening illness, strains public health systems, and results in death to such an extent that extraordinary measures must be taken to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

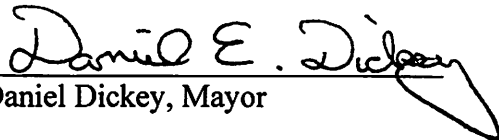
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Daniel Dickey, as the Mayor of the City of Gibson pursuant to power granted to me by Chapter 30 of the Gibson City Code of Ordinances, as revised and relevant provisions of the Illinois compiled statutes do hereby proclaim and declare the existence of a civil emergency and local emergency in the City of Gibson, Illinois hereby engaging all of the powers and authorities provided therein.

The basis for my issuance of this order is contained in the preamble of this order which, by reference, is incorporated herein.

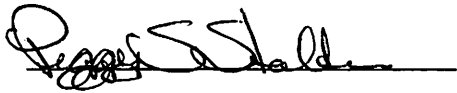
The sole purpose of this declaration is to pay accounts payable bills and payroll in the absence of the regular City council meeting.

The within order shall remain in effect until I rescind the within order or upon 48 hours, whichever is earlier.

Effective immediately at 10:00 a.m. on March 23, 2020.

  
Daniel Dickey, Mayor

Witnessed:

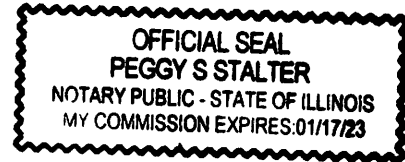


STATE OF ILLINOIS        )  
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I, Peggy S. Stalter, a Notary Public, in and for said County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that Daniel Dickey, who is personally known to me to be the same person whose name subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that he signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as his free and voluntary act, for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Given under my hand and notarial seal this 23 day of March, 2020.

  
NOTARY PUBLIC



THIS PROCLAMATION SHALL BE PROVIDED TO THE NEWS MEDIA AND POSTED AT THE CITY HALL, POST OFFICE, AND POLICE STATION.