CHAIRMAN'S PROCLAMATION - OZAUKEE COUNTY STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION

WHEREAS, in December 2019, a novel strain of the coronavirus now named Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) was detected and has spread throughout many countries, including the United States; and

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

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the State of Wisconsin has declared the existence of a public health emergency, as defined in Section 323.02(16), Wisconsin Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the existence of confirmed cases of COVID-19 within Wisconsin constitutes a condition within the County posing an imminent threat of a disaster within the meaning of Chapter 323 of the Wisconsin Statutes that could impair medical care, health protection, and other critical systems of Ozaukee County; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and expedient for the health, safety, protection, and welfare of persons within Ozaukee County, that reasonable and prudent steps be taken to treat those infected with COVID-19 and to prevent, limit and contain the potential community spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, declaring a state of emergency will facilitate and expedite the use of resources to protect persons from the impacts of the spread of COVID-19 while ensuring continuity of critical operations within Ozaukee County.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to sections 323.11 and 323.14(4)(b) of the Wisconsin Statutes, as Chief Elected Official of the County of Ozaukee in testimony whereof declare that a state of emergency now exists within Ozaukee County in light of the public health threat posed by COVID-19 for a period of sixty (60) days or until modified by further declaration or an action of the Ozaukee County Board, hereunto set my hand and have caused the great seal of the County of Ozaukee to be affixed.

Done at the City of Port Washington this 13th day of March, 2020.

Lee Schlenvogt

County Board Chairman

NOTE: Under 323.14(4)(b), Stats., this proclamation shall be subject to ratification, alteration, modification or repeal by the governing body as soon as that body can meet, but the subsequent action taken by the governing body shall not affect the proper validity of this proclamation.