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**RESOLUTION No. 20-04**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY IN AND FOR THE TOWN OF BELOIT, ROCK COUNTY, WISCONSIN UNDER §323.11 WIS STATS**

The Town Chairperson of the Town of Beloit, Rock County Wisconsin by this resolution, resolves and orders as follows:

WHEREAS, ON January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared a Public Health emergency of International Concern; on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services declared a Public Health Emergency; and on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a National Emergency concerning the COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers declared the existence of a public health emergency with regard to the COVID-19 outbreak, pursuant to Section 323.02(16) of the Wisconsin Statutes; and

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

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED THAT: pursuant to sections 323.11 and 323.14(4)(b) of the Wisconsin Statutes; in light of the imminent threat to the provision of medical care and public health that is posed by COVID-19; to protect public peace, health, and safety; and to preserve lives and property, economic stability; and insure cooperation and coordination, that a local state of emergency now exists within the Town of Beloit and shall be in place for a period of up to 120 days if necessary or until modified by further proclamation or further action of the Town of Beloit Board of Supervisors.

The period of emergency shall be limited to the time during which the emergency conditions exist or are likely to exist in the Town of Beloit.

The Town Board, or its designated agents, has the authority to order whatever is necessary and expedient for the health, safety, welfare, and good order of the Town of Beloit during the emergency, including without limitation the power to bar, restrict and remove all unnecessary traffic, vehicular or pedestrian, from the local highways.

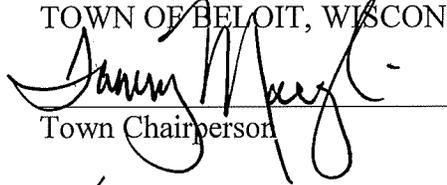
Any person who violates a lawful order of the town board or its agents made under this emergency declaration shall forfeit not more than \$100 or, in default of payment of the forfeiture, shall be subject to imprisonment for up to ninety (90) days for each separate offense.

The Town Clerk shall publish this resolution under s. 60.80, Wis. Stats in a local newspaper.

Be it further resolved that that this written declaration shall be filed with the Town Clerk on the first regular business day following the declaration and the Town Clerk Shall present the written declaration to the Board of Supervisors for ratification at its first meeting following such a declaration.

Adopted this 17 day of March, 2020.

TOWN OF BELOIT, WISCONSIN

  
Town Chairperson

Attest:   
Town Clerk