

PROCLAMATION OF THE TOWN CHAIR
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
IN THE TOWN OF WESCOTT
SHAWANO COUNTY, WISCONSIN

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the State of Wisconsin, by Governor Tony Evers, proclaimed by Executive Order #72 that a public health emergency, as defined in Wis. Stat. § 323.02(16), exists for the State of Wisconsin;

WHEREAS, Governor Evers has designated the Department of Health Services as the lead agency to respond to the public health emergency and has directed the Department of Health Services to take all necessary and appropriate measures to prevent and respond to incidents of COVID-19 in the State;

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2020, the Department of Health Services Secretary-designee Andrea Palm issued Emergency Order #12 under the authority of Wis. Stat. § 252.02(3) and (6) and all powers vested through Executive Order #72 prohibiting all public and private gatherings of any number of people that are not part of a single household or living unit, unless for the purposes of one of the limited exceptions contained within that Order #12;

WHEREAS, Emergency Order #12 further requires that all businesses designated as “non-essential” close;

WHEREAS, on April 16, 2020, the Department of Health Services issued Secretary-designee Andrea Palm issued Emergency Order #28, extending Emergency Order #12 until 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 26, 2020 or until a superseding order is issued;

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. sec. 323.11 and Wis. Stat. sec. 323.14(4) give the Town Chair the authority to declare by proclamation an emergency existing within the Town of Wescott and to do whatever he deems necessary and expedient for the health, safety, protection and welfare of persons and property within the local unit of government in the emergency;

NOW, THEREFORE, AS TOWN CHAIR FOR THE TOWN OF WESCOTT, SHAWANO COUNTY, WISCONSIN, I DO DECLARE AND PROCLAIM AS FOLLOWS:

1. A public health emergency is declared as existing within the Town of Wescott, Shawano County, Wisconsin as a result of the COVID-19 disease which presents an imminent threat that may impair transportation, food or fuel supplies, medical care, or other critical systems of our local government.
2. The Town of Wescott will seek to enforce Emergency Order #28 and the prohibition of all public and private gatherings as dictated by the Department of Health Services and State of Wisconsin.
3. The Town Clerk, shall have the authority to order whatever further measures deemed necessary and expedient for the health, safety, welfare, and good order of the Town of

Wescott during the emergency, including without limitation the power to enforce the restrictions and limitations set forth by Emergency Order #28, as well as to close and barricade public places in the sole discretion of the Town.

4. 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 Wescott and shall not expire, unless otherwise extended or otherwise modified by the Town Chair or the Town Board for the Town of Wescott, prior to 11:59 PM, May 25, 2020.

5. This proclamation shall be subject to ratification, alteration, modification, or repeal by the Town Board for the Town of Wescott as soon as the Town Board can meet, but the subsequent action taken by the Town Board shall not affect the prior validity of this proclamation.

6. The Town Clerk shall publish this proclamation under Wis. Stat. sec. 60.80. This proclamation shall become effective upon publication.

Adopted this 29th day of April, 2020.

Brian Moser - Town chair
Angelo Verde . Attest