

**DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY
TOWN OF BIG FLATS, ADAMS COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization designated the 2019 Novel Coronavirus outbreak as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern. The United States Health and Human Services Secretary Alex M. Azar II declared a Public Health Emergency for the entire United States to aid the nation's healthcare community in responding to the 2019 Novel Coronavirus "COVID-19." COVID-19 is a contagious, and at times fatal, respiratory disease. The worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 and the effects of its extreme risk of person-to-person transmission throughout the United States significantly affect the lives and health of our people, as well as the economy, and is a disaster that impacts the health, security and safety of the public; and

WHEREAS, an emergency, namely the COVID-19 Pandemic, impacted the Central Wisconsin area beginning March 15, 2020. The State of Wisconsin has declared a Public Health Emergency, and on March 13, 2020 the Governor of the State of Wisconsin ordered the closure of public and private schools; and

WHEREAS, the conditions created by the proclamation of these public health emergencies pose a continuing and substantial threat to public order, life, health and safety of the citizens of the Town of Big Flats; and

WHEREAS, because of emergency conditions, the Town Board of Supervisors is unable to meet promptly; and

WHEREAS, due to this emergency, I am authorized by Wis. Stat. s. 323.14(4)(b) to exercise by proclamation all of the powers conferred upon the Town Board under Wis. Stat. ss. 323.14(a) and 323.11 that appear necessary and expedient.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Sections 323.11 and 323.14(4)(b) of the Wisconsin Statutes, as Chairperson of the Town of Big Flats, I proclaim that an emergency exists within the Town by reason of an imminent threat of a disaster due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and hereby:

- Authorize emergency purchases of goods, materials and services
- Authorize emergency employee policy implementation and emergency costs to the labor force
- Authorize those Town Officials/Department Heads who have charge and control of Town facilities to take such actions, including but not limited to, the rescheduling and cancelling of events and limiting public access to portions of the facilities, as they deem reasonable and necessary to prevent exposure to and/or spread of the COVID-19 Coronavirus.

FURTHERMORE, this Proclamation of emergency shall be a limited to this date until May 15, 2020 at 11:59 p.m., and shall be subject to ratification, alteration, modification, or repeal by the Town Board of Supervisors as soon as the Board can meet, but the subsequent action taken by the Board shall not affect the prior validity of this proclamation.

THIS DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY, enacted this 19 day of March, 2020.

BY: Todd Peterson
Todd Peterson - Town Chairman