**RESOLUTION \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
DECLARING COKATO TOWNSHIP
HAS ADEQUATE RESOURCES TO HANDLE COVID-19**

**WHEREAS,** Cokato Township, Minnesota, recognizes that the Constitution of the United States, as well as the Constitution of the State of Minnesota, enshrines certain rights of all Americans, including those fundamental liberty interests set forth in the Fourteenth Amendment of the US Constitution that prohibit the state from depriving any person of life, liberty, or property without due process of law; and,

**WHEREAS,** Cokato Township recognizes that the US Declaration of Independence advances the "inalienable rights" of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness in the face of governmental overreach; and,

**WHEREAS,** each of the Cokato Township duly elected and appointed public servants took a sacred oath to preserve, protect and defend the US Constitution and the Constitution of the State of Minnesota; and,

**WHEREAS,** Cokato Township welcomes, honors and respects the contributions of all businesses and employees of said businesses, regardless of their size and regardless of whether they have been deemed "essential" by some government decree or not; and,

**WHEREAS,** Cokato Township’s diverse and entrepreneurial businesses positively contribute to the economic, cultural and social fabric of the Township and Wright County; and,

**WHEREAS,** all businesses in Cokato Township have not only been a catalyst for the Township's economic health, but have been the backbone of the Township throughout its long history; and,

**WHEREAS,** Cokato Township businesses are socially responsible and are capable and willing to maintain adequate health protocols to ensure that Cokato Township remains one of the most vital COVID-19 success stories in Minnesota; and,

**WHEREAS,** fostering a relationship of trust, respect, and open communication between township officials and county officials and businesses is essential to the County's mission of delivering effective public services in partnership with the community, thereby advancing a high quality of life for residents; and,

**WHEREAS,** Cokato Township seeks to foster trust, not fear, between officials and businesses and citizens, while properly allocating limited local resources and encouraging cooperation and open communication, to ensure public safety and due process for all, irrespective of business status; and,

**WHEREAS,** Cokato Township desires to demonstrate its commitment to its businesses and citizens by providing a safe community and by assuring them that, in accordance with federal and state laws and all state licensing authorities, the Township will not of its own accord abridge such freedoms and rights; and,

**WHEREAS,** Cokato Township recognizes and honors the inalienable rights of individuals, as individuals, to earn a living, to employ others or to be employed, to provide income for their families, to give back to the community, to treat neighbors with respect and care, and contribute to the overall health and well-being of the community, without the need for undue government overreach, coercion and control; and,

**WHEREAS,** the Cokato Township Board of Supervisors understands, respects, and has a duty to protect the United States Constitution and the Minnesota Constitution.

**WHEREAS,** Minnesota statute 12.31 Subd. 2. reads: “Declaration of peacetime emergency. (a) The governor may declare a peacetime emergency. A peacetime declaration of emergency may be declared only when an act of nature, a technological failure or malfunction, a terrorist incident, an industrial accident, a hazardous materials accident, or a civil disturbance endangers life and property***and local government resources are inadequate to handle the situation.***

**THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED,** that Cokato Township hereby declares is **has adequate resources to handle** **the situation.**

Be it **FURTHER RESOLVED** that Cokato Township shall not, in accordance with state and federal law, take any direct action against any business or individuals to enforce executive orders declared under the peacetime emergency.

Be it **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Cokato Township Board of Supervisors supports opening all businesses without restrictions or limitations that would allow businesses to fight for their very economic survival and livelihood.

Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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