RESOLUTION NO. 31-21

ONE SIOUX FALLS COVID-19 ACTION PLAN

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SIOUX FALLS, SD, OUTLINING THE EXPECTATIONS FOR THE PEOPLE OF SIOUX FALLS TO TAKE ACTION TO REDUCE TRANSMISSION OF THE VIRUS THAT CAUSES COVID-19.

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") has declared a public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the Mayor issued Executive Order No. 218 declaring an emergency to address the novel Coronavirus COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Governor declared an emergency in the state of South Dakota in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 2020-34 declaring that a State of Emergency continues to exist in all counties in the State of South Dakota, which Executive Order remains in effect until June 30, 2021, unless sooner terminated or extended; and

WHEREAS, the CDC recommends certain actions to mitigate transmission of COVID-19, including, but not limited to, social distancing measures, wearing a mask in certain settings, utilizing proper cleaning measures, and receiving the COVID-19 vaccination when available; and

WHEREAS, SDCL § 9-29-1 and SDCL § 9-32-1 confer upon municipalities the power to do what may be necessary or expedient for the promotion of health and safety of the community, or for the suppression of disease;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF SIOUX FALLS, SD:

The City of Sioux Falls exhorts the people of Sioux Falls to take action to reduce transmission of the virus that causes COVID-19 by using all known and available mitigation measures. The sections below outline these key measures.

Section 1: Masks are strongly encouraged to be worn in settings where at least six feet of physical distancing cannot be maintained from others who are not a member of one’s household. It is advised that the following individuals are excluded from this recommendation:
• Children under the age of five;
• Individuals who have medical conditions or disabilities preventing them from safely
  wearing a mask;
• Individuals who are actively participating in an athletic or sporting event; and
• Individuals who are actively consuming food or drink.

Section 2: Individuals are strongly encouraged to wash their hands regularly, cover their coughs,
  disinfect high-touch surfaces frequently, and stay at home if they are ill other than to obtain
  proper medical care.

Section 3: Individuals should monitor their physical and emotional health daily, and safely seek
  the help and support they may require to get and stay healthy. Individuals are encouraged to be
  good neighbors by checking in on others in their neighborhood and community.

Section 4: In accordance with the CDC’s recommendation, individuals are encouraged to receive
  the COVID-19 vaccination as it becomes available to them.

Section 5: Individuals are encouraged to abide by the requirements of businesses and
  organizations that have joined the “Safer Sioux Falls” pledge with the Greater Sioux Falls
  Chamber of Commerce.

Section 6. This resolution is hereby declared necessary for the immediate preservation of the
  public health, safety, and welfare of the city and shall become effective immediately upon its
  passage and publication pursuant to SDCL § 9-19-13.

Section 7. This resolution shall immediately expire upon the Mayor’s rescission of Executive
  Order No. 218, unless extended, amended, or earlier terminated by subsequent resolution.

Date adopted:  03/09/21  

Paul TenHagen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Thomas Greco, City