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COVID-19 EMERGENCY DECLARATION, CITY OF KENMARE, NORTH DAKOTA

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a severe respiratory illness, caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, a new strain of coronavirus that is spread from person to person, posing a threat to the health and safety of the residents of the City of Kenmare; and

WHEREAS, no drug or vaccine is currently available to treat or prevent COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, United States Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar declared a national public health emergency for COVID-19 on January 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump issued a declaration of a national emergency due to the growing COVID-19 crisis in the United States; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Governor Doug Burgum issued a declaration of a state emergency in response to the public health crisis resulting from the novel coronavirus (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, North Dakota Century Code §37-17.1-10 provides that a local emergency may be declared by the principal executive officer of the City, so long as it is not continued for a period in excess of seven days except by or with the consent of the City governing body;

WHEREAS, preparedness, response and recovery from the COVID-19 virus requires a whole-of-government and whole-of-community approach across all governments as well as private and nonprofit sectors, and the virus has the risk of substantially endangering the health, safety and property of the citizens of Kenmare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the City of Kenmare does declare a state of emergency exists in the City of Kenmare, North Dakota in response to the public health crisis resulting from the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). DATED at Kenmare, North Dakota this 18th day of March, 2020.

Dwight Flygare, Mayor
City of Kenmare