



**ST. CROIX COUNTY PROCLAMATION DECLARING A  
STATE OF EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, due to the ongoing riots and civil commotion in Hennepin, Ramsey, and Washington Counties in Minnesota, which commenced on May 26, 2020, and the potential for riots and civil commotion that may occur in St. Croix County, Wisconsin, it is necessary for St. Croix County to declare a state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. § 323.11 empowers a governing body of a local unit of government to declare a local state of emergency whenever conditions arise by reason of riot or civil commotion, a disaster, or an imminent threat of a disaster, that impairs transportation, food or fuel supplies, medical care, fire, health or police protection, or other critical systems of the local unit of government. The period of the emergency shall be limited by the ordinance or resolution to the time during which the emergency conditions exist or are likely to exist; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 323.14(4)(a), the emergency power of the governing body includes the general authority to order, by ordinance or resolution, whatever is necessary and expedient for the health, safety, protection, and welfare of persons and property within the local unit of government in the emergency and includes the power to bar, restrict, or remove all unnecessary traffic, both vehicular and pedestrian, from the highways, notwithstanding any provision of Wis. Stat. Chs. 341 to 349; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 323.14(4)(b), if, because of the emergency conditions, the governing body of the local unit of government is unable to meet promptly, the chief executive officer or acting chief executive officer of any local unit of government shall exercise by proclamation all of the powers conferred upon the governing body under Wis. Stat. §§ 323.14(4)(a) or 323.11 that appear necessary and expedient. The proclamation shall be subject to ratification, alteration, modification, or repeal by the governing body as soon as that body can meet, but the subsequent action taken by the governing body shall not affect the prior validity of the proclamation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the St. Croix County Board Chair that a local state of emergency now exists throughout St. Croix County; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED, by the St. Croix County Board Chair that during the existence of said local emergency, the powers, functions and duties of this County shall be pursuant to this Proclamation, and as prescribed by State law, and by ordinances and resolutions of this County; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED, by the St. Croix County Board Chair, acting under the powers granted pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 323.14(4)(b), that St. Croix County, including but not limited to the St. Croix County Sheriff's Office, shall do whatever is necessary and expedient for the health, safety, protection, and welfare of persons and property within the local unit of government in the emergency and includes the power to bar,

restrict, or remove all unnecessary traffic, both vehicular and pedestrian, from the highways, notwithstanding any provision of Wis. Stat. Chs. 341 to 349.

Adopted this 29<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Peterson", written in a cursive style.

David Peterson  
St. Croix County Board Chair