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### **City of Britt, Iowa Emergency Proclamation**

WHEREAS, COVID-19 poses a serious threat to the public health and safety of the City of Britt, Iowa, as outlined by the Center for Disease Control ("CDC"); and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Department of Public Health ("IDPH") has now determined that community spread of COVID-19 has occurred in the State of Iowa; and

WHEREAS, the CDC has recommended that persons do not congregate in gatherings of over fifty (50) persons to attempt to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in the general public; and

WHEREAS, the Hon. Governor Kim Reynolds has recommended that all school districts within the State of Iowa close for a period of four (4) weeks to help to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 within the State; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of the West Hancock Community School District has heretofore closed the West Hancock Community School District for an indefinite period, expected to be at least four (4) weeks from March 16, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Section 372.14(2) of the Code of Iowa (2019) grant the Mayor powers to declare an emergency and govern through proclamation to protect the health and safety of the citizens of Britt.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ryan L. Arndorfer, the duly elected Mayor of the City of Britt, Iowa, do hereby proclaim the following:

1. That a state of emergency or public danger exists within the City of Britt because of the threat of the spread of the COVID-19 virus.
2. That based upon the advice of the CDC and other public health agencies, I hereby declare that the Britt Public Library will enact their pandemic policy and strictly limit library use. Additionally, the mayor may close the library to the public or require a pick-up/drop off usage at any time.

3. That pursuant to CDC recommendations, gatherings of fifty (50) or more people are strongly discouraged until further notice.
4. That based upon the advice of the CDC and other public health agencies, the Municipal Room will be closed to public use until further notice and all scheduled events through the end of March have been cancelled.
5. As a result of the coronavirus pandemic, we recognize that some of our customers are in a position where they are unable to work. As a result, the City of Britt is discontinuing delinquent water service shutoffs for the next 30 days, due to non-payment, to ensure citizens have the ability to practice recommended personal hygiene measures to prevent the spread of the virus.
6. That this Proclamation of Emergency may be modified and/or superseded by future proclamation of the Office of the Mayor of Britt as future events warrant.
8. That any violation of any proclamation of the Office of the Mayor of the City of Britt, Iowa, shall be enforceable by the Britt Police Department and any violation of the same shall be a violation of Section 372.14(2) of the Code of Iowa (2019) and punishable as a simple misdemeanor.

Dated this 16<sup>th</sup> Day of March, 2020.

By: \_\_\_\_\_



Ryan L. Arndorfer, Mayor