RESOLUTION NO. 20-10
CITY OF LAKEFIELD, MINNESOTA
CONSTITUTIONAL AND BUSINESS FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution reads "No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws," and;

WHEREAS, the City Council of Lakefield, Minnesota wishes to express opposition to any Executive Order that would restrict the constitutional rights of the citizens of Lakefield to life, liberty, or property, without due process of law, and;

WHEREAS, Governor Walz's Emergency Executive Order 20-33 Extending Stay at Home Order and Temporary Closure of Bars, Restaurants, and Other Places of Public Accommodation states, "nothing in this Executive Order is intended to encourage or allow law enforcement to transgress individual constitutional rights";

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Lakefield, Minnesota:

That the City Council of Lakefield hereby expresses its intent to uphold and protect the Constitutional rights of the citizens of Lakefield, and;

That the City Council of Lakefield hereby declares Lakefield as a "Constitutional and Business Friendly Community", and;

That the City Council of Lakefield hereby declares its intent to oppose any infringement by Executive Order or any other directive on the rights of law-abiding citizens to keep their businesses open, and;

That the City Council of Lakefield hereby requests relief from Governor Walz's Executive Orders and demands that the sole power of issuing emergency orders and implementation related to the COVID-19 pandemic be restored to individual municipalities and local government agencies, and;

That the City Council of Lakefield will not direct any City of Lakefield resources to enforce any Executive Order or any other directive which infringes on the right of law-abiding citizens to keep their businesses open as per the Constitution, and

That the City Council of Lakefield will use any legal means to protect the Constitutional rights of the citizens of Lakefield.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Lakefield, Minnesota,

That the City Council supports the choice of all residents to continue to stay at home or the choice to move about freely within the City and to support the economy of Lakefield while maintaining behaviors to preserve the health and safety of all residents, and;

That the City Council encourages all citizens to follow Minnesota Department of Health and CDC guidelines for social distancing and general conduct while out in public, and;

That the City Council advises that long-term care facilities restrict visitors, regularly check healthcare workers and residents for fevers and symptoms, and limit activities within the facility to keep residents safe.

Passed by the City Council of Lakefield, Minnesota this 4th day of May 2020.

Brian Rossow, Mayor

Attested:

Kelly R. Rasche Administrative Clerk

MOTION MADE BY: ROSSOW
SECOND BY: PAVELKO
YES: ROSSOW, PAVELKO, BAKALYAR NO: MONSON, HALL