



COUNTY OF KENOSHA

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DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY IN KENOSHA COUNTY

BE IT KNOWN TO ALL PERSONS, THAT ON THIS DAY, AUGUST 24TH, 2020 PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN MY OFFICE UNDER CHAPTER 323 OF THE WISCONSIN STATUTES AND SECTION 5.03 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF KENOSHA COUNTY.

IT IS HEREBY DECLARED A STATE OF EMERGENCY EXISTS IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF KENOSHA, FOR THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC REASON(S):

THE CITY AND COUNTY OF KENOSHA ARE EXPERIENCING RIOTING, LOOTING, DAMAGE TO COUNTY AND CITY PROPERTY AND CIVIL UNREST.

IN THE PAST 24 HOURS ALONE, THERE HAVE BEEN NUMEROUS INSTANCES OF UNLAWFUL ACTIVITY RESULTING IN INJURIES TO FIRST RESPONDERS, SIGNIFICANT PROPERTY DAMAGE, AND CONTINUED ESCALATION OF VIOLENT EVENTS.

SPECIFIC INCIDENTS INCLUDE UNLAWFUL ASSEMBLIES DECLARED IN THE CITY OF KENOSHA AND EXTENSIVE PROPERTY DAMAGE IN THE CITY OF KENOSHA INCLUDING THE BURNING OF OUR COUNTY COURTHOUSE, VEHICLE FIRES, VANDALISM, LOOTING, AND THE DAMAGE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES.

THE CITY AND COUNTY OF KENOSHA HAVE A COMPELLING INTEREST TO MAINTAIN PEACE AND ORDER IN THE FACE OF ESCALATING TENSION. THE EFFECTS OF THIS CIVIL UNREST CONSTITUTE AN EMERGENCY WHEREIN HUMAN LIVES AND PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROPERTY ARE AT VERY HIGH RISK.

I FIND THAT THE POTENTIAL FOR DISASTER EXISTS, WHICH REQUIRES EXTRAORDINARY MEASURES TO PROTECT THE HEALTH AND WELL BEING OF THE PEOPLE. DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY WILL FACILITATE AND EXPEDITE THE USE OF RESOURCES TO PROTECT PERSONS

DATED THIS 24TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2020.

DAVID G. BETH
SHERIFF – KENOSHA COUNTY

