

RESOLUTION NUMBER 4-2020

**Resolution Declaring State of Emergency in Green Lake County
Regarding COVID-19**

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake, Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting on this 17th day of March 2020, does resolve as follows:

- 1 **WHEREAS**, in December 2019, a novel strain of the coronavirus now named
- 2 Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) was detected and has spread through many
- 3 countries, including the United States; and
- 4 **WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization has declared a Public Health Emergency of
- 5 International Concern; and the United States Department of Health and Human
- 6 Services has declared a Public Health Emergency; and
- 7 **WHEREAS**, on March 12, 2020, the State of Wisconsin has declared the existence of a
- 8 public health emergency, as defined in Section 323.02(16), Wisconsin Statutes; and
- 9 Majority vote is needed to pass.

Roll Call on Resolution No. 4-2020

Submitted by:

Ayes 13, Nays 0, Absent 6, Abstain 0

/s/ Harley Reabe

Passed and Adopted/~~Rejected~~ this 17th
day of March, 2020.

Harley Reabe, Chair

/s/ Harley Reabe

County Board Chairman

/s/ Elizabeth A. Otto

ATTEST: County Clerk
Approve as to Form:

/s/ Dawn N. Klockow

Corporation Counsel

10 **WHEREAS**, the existence of confirmed cases of COVID-19 within Wisconsin, including
11 counties surrounding Green Lake County, constitutes a condition within the County
12 posing an imminent threat of a disaster within the meaning of Chapter 323 of the
13 Wisconsin Statutes that could impair medical care, health protection, and other critical
14 systems of Green Lake County; and

15 **WHEREAS**, declaring a state of emergency will facilitate and expedite the use of
16 resources to protect persons from the impacts of the spread of COVID-19 while
17 ensuring continuity of critical operations within Green Lake County.

18 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Green Lake County Board of supervisors,
19 under the power vested in it by Wis. Stat. §323.11, hereby declares a state of
20 emergency in Green Lake County.

21 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the state of emergency shall last only so long as the
22 Governor of the State of Wisconsin continues the public health emergency under Wis.
23 Stat. §323.02(16).

24 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that if the Health and Human Services Department
25 deems it necessary to make use of volunteer health care practitioners, the Health Office
26 shall notify the state department of health services.

27 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Board Chair and County Administrator
28 have joint authority to grant limited exceptions to current County policies and ordinances
29 where it is the best interest of the county and consistent with Wis. Ch. 323 (Emergency
30 Management) and any State or Federal legislation connected with the COVID-19
31 pandemic.

32 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, if the County Board Chair is unable to perform the duties
33 under this resolution, the power to make decisions shall lie with the County Board Vice-
34 chair.

35 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, if the County Administrator is unable to perform the
36 duties under this resolution, the power to make decisions shall lie with the Corporation
37 Counsel.

38 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that public comment at County Board Meetings and
39 committee meetings is suspended until the emergency declaration is rescinded.

40 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, all public hearings required by state statute are
41 suspended until the emergency declaration is rescinded (this includes but is not limited
42 to rezones and ordinance amendments).

43 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that so long as the meeting is consistent with the
44 requirements of open meetings, the County Board or its committees may conduct
45 electronic meetings for conducting County business.

46 **FISCAL NOTE:** appropriations under the emergency declaration shall not exceed
47 \$290,000 and shall be remitted from the contingency fund.