



HEART OF THE BLACK HILLS™

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
PROCLAMATION**

Whereas, An outbreak of the severe respiratory disease, COVID-19, which is caused by and is transmitted by person-to-person spread of the novel coronavirus, started in late 2019 and has currently been detected in more than 100 countries, including the United States; and,

Whereas, The World Health Organization has designated COVID-19 a pandemic, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has declared a public health emergency; and,

Whereas, The CDC has issued guidance to state and local governments and all citizens recommending steps to prevent community spread and guard against the COVID-19 outbreak; and,

Whereas, South Dakota is in a State of Emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and,

Whereas, The Hill City Community joins together in times of crisis to confront difficult times and help their neighbors:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KATHY SKORZEWSKI, Mayor of Hill City, South Dakota, do hereby proclaim:

Every Hill City Community Member should voluntarily:

- 1. Review and practice** the recommended CDC hygiene practices designed to stop the spread of the disease COVID-19 and encourage others to do so as well.
- 2. Know** the signs and symptoms of COVID-19, call a health care provider if suffering symptoms in advance of a visit to a provider, and stay at home if sick.
- 3. Understand** that those who are particularly vulnerable to COVID-19, including those over age 60 and those suffering from respiratory or cardiac conditions, should take extra precautions and remain home if possible.
- 4. Implement** social distancing measures and support businesses who are adjusting their business model to reduce the spread of COVID-19.
- 5. Assist** those who work in essential jobs such as emergency personnel, medical professionals, and law enforcement.

All employers, both for profit and not-for-profit, within the City of Hill City should voluntarily:

6. **Implement** the recommended CDC hygiene practices and other business strategies designed to reduce the likelihood of spreading the disease.

7. **Understand** that the COVID-19 is not a short-term challenge, and operations will need to endure a difficult and limited social environment for potentially eight weeks or more.

8. **Innovate** and continue to demonstrate entrepreneurial excellence in their operations during this difficult and uncertain environment.

9. **Encourage** staff to telework if possible, implement social distancing measures, limit unnecessary work gatherings, limit non-essential travel, and consider regular health checks including CDC guidance for COVID-19 screening if possible.

10. **Offer**, to the extent possible, special shopping times or access periods for populations particularly vulnerable to COVID-19.

Any “enclosed retail business that promotes public gatherings” within the State of South Dakota should voluntarily:

11. **Suspend or modify** business practices as recommended by CDC guidance that involve ten or more people to be in an enclosed space where physical separation of at least six feet is not possible.

12. **Continue offering** or consider offering business models that do not involve public gatherings, including takeout, delivery, drive-through, curbside service, off-site services, social distancing models, or other innovative business practices that do not involve public gatherings in an enclosed space.

13. **Consider** business arrangements and innovative ideas intended to support the critical infrastructure sectors, as defined by the Department of Homeland Security.

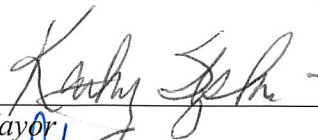
The Mayor, Common Council and Staff of the City of Hill City will:

14. **Protect** the infrastructure of the City and maintain water services, sewer services, street services and other critical functions of municipal government.

15. **Provide** ongoing information to Hill City Citizens of the local impact of COVID-19.

16. **Practice** heightened awareness of municipal expenditures to ensure fiscal responsibility.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the City of Hill City this 24th day of March, 2020.



Mayor



Interim Finance Officer

