

PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION ACKNOWLEDGING A STATE OF PUBLIC CONCERN WITHIN THE CITY OF NEVADA, MISSOURI

WHEREAS, the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services and the State Emergency Management Agency have reported there are confirmed cases of COVID-19 within the State of Missouri with the first case identified on March 7, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization officially declared a pandemic due to COVID-19 on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020 the President of the United States exercised Presidential authority to declare that the outbreak of COVID-19 in the United States constitutes a national emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020 Governor Mike Parson signed Executive Order 20-02 declaring a state of emergency in Missouri in response to (COVID-19) and

WHEREAS, the community spread of cases of COVID-19 in the United States poses a serious health risk for Nevada residents and visitors and extraordinary measures are necessary to prevent a substantial risk to public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to express its support for the City Manager, Vernon County Commission and Director of Public Health for emergency measures to ensure the protection of the safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Nevada and Vernon County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor George Knox praise our EMTs, firefighters, paramedics, Health Care providers and caregivers, and urge all citizens to support and thank the brave men and women who are on the COVID-19 frontline;

FURTHER THEREFORE, I strongly encouraged all Citizens of Nevada to avoid social gatherings of more than ten (10) people and take precautions to reduce the transmission of COVID-19, including maintaining at least six feet (6') of distance between all individuals that are not family members;

FURTHER THEREFORE, all citizens should stay at home except to perform essential duties for business or government functions, to get food, to care for a relative or friend, to get necessary health care, or perform activities related to maintaining a healthy lifestyle;

FURTHER THEREFORE, all Movement around the City should be restricted to only that necessary for travel to and from authorized work environments, accessing essential services, and for personal recreation (i.e. walking, hiking, biking and running), with strict adherence to social distancing guidelines;

FURTHER THEREFORE, all non-essential Businesses and any businesses that cannot maintain or attempt to maintain the 6-foot social distancing are encouraged to take immediate action to protect their employees and Citizens at large;

FURTHER THEREFORE, all citizens should take their civic duties seriously and follow these guidelines for the greater good of the community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this _____ day of March 2020.

Johnna Williams, City Clerk

George Knox, Mayor