

# PROCLAMATION

*WHEREAS, COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2) is an illness caused by a virus that can transmit from person to person and has spread across the world, having catastrophic effects on human life, our community and our economy; and*

*WHEREAS, To mitigate the spread, observance of public health orders to social distance and stay at home have created challenges for small businesses, workers and schools; and*

*WHEREAS, Schools, teachers, students and parents are grappling with the challenges of distance learning; and*

*WHEREAS, Local and state governments, health departments and public servants have taken bold actions to protect residents, support struggling local economies and to find innovative ways to provide services; and*

*WHEREAS, In response to the rapid spread of COVID-19 and stay-at-home orders, essential workers have stepped up to provide critical services to help protect communities and save lives, sacrificing their own health and safety; and*

*WHEREAS, More than 2 million people worldwide have lost their lives due to COVID-19, and in Cass County, more than 1,400 lives were lost as of March 1, 2021; and*

*WHEREAS, Public health guidance and policies targeted at prevention, such as social distancing, wearing masks in public and staying home help mitigate the spread of COVID-19, prevent illness and lessen the burden on individuals and society; and*

*WHEREAS, the US Conference of Mayors supports the designation of the first Monday in March as "COVID-19 Victims & Survivors Memorial Day" in remembrance of those who lost their lives, in honor of those who continue to suffer from the impact of the virus and in tribute to essential workers and those who rose in service to protect the public, and the USCM urges cities to continue taking preventative measures to mitigate the spread of the virus.*


*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Dr. Timothy J. Mahoney, Mayor of the City of Fargo, North Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 1, 2021 to be*

## **COVID-19 VICTIMS & SURVIVORS MEMORIAL DAY**

in the City of Fargo, North Dakota.

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Fargo, North Dakota to be affixed this 28th day of January, 2021.*



  
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**Dr. Timothy J. Mahoney**  
**Mayor**  
**Fargo, North Dakota**