

**WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP  
STEARNS COUNTY  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**NOTICE THAT ALL TOWN BOARD MEETINGS SHALL BE CONDUCTED  
BY TELEPHONE OR OTHER ELECTRONIC MEANS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

**WHEREAS**, the virus named “SARS-CoV-2,” is a new strain of coronavirus that has not previously been identified in humans and can easily spread from person to person and which causes a disease named “coronavirus disease 2019,” commonly known as “COVID-19,” which is a respiratory disease that can result in serious injury or death; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services Secretary declared a public health emergency for COVID-19, beginning on January 27, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump declared that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constitutes a National Emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, Governor Tim Walz declared a Peacetime State of Emergency to authorize and all necessary resources to be used in support of the COVID-19 response.

**WHEREAS**, on March 25, 2020, Governor Tim Walz issued Emergency Executive Order 20-20 mandating all persons currently living within the State of Minnesota are ordered to stay at home or in their place of residence except to engage in the Activities and Critical Sector work set forth in Executive Order 20-20.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CHAIRMAN OF WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP PROCLAIMS,  
DECLARES, REQUESTS, AND DIRECTS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. Declares, under Minnesota Statutes, Section 13D.021, that in-person meetings of the Wakefield Town Board and other advisory commissions of Wakefield Township are not practical or prudent due to the COVID-19 health pandemic and the peacetime emergency declared by Governor Walz pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 12, and hereby directs that meetings of the Town Board and other advisory commissions of the Township shall be conducted by telephone or other electronic means and hereby directs Township staff and consultants to take such action as may be necessary to enable such meetings to occur via telephone or other electronic means pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 13D.021, until such time as it is no longer impractical or imprudent for the Town Board and other advisory commission to resume in-person meetings; and
2. Declares that it is not feasible due to the health pandemic for at least one member of the Town Board or the Town Attorney to be physically present at the regular meeting location; and
3. Orders that this declaration be given prompt and general publicity on the Township’s website and posting places and that it be filed promptly by the Town Clerk.

Dated this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020

/s/John Willenbring, Chairman