



## **EMERGENCY DECLARATION**

**WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization (WHO) has declared the coronavirus COVID-19 disease to be a global pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, the President of the United States has declared an infectious disease national emergency due to the COVID-19 Virus pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of the State of Oklahoma has declared an emergency caused by the impending threat of COVID-19 for all of Oklahoma; and

**WHEREAS**, as of the date of this Proclamation there have been 17 confirmed cases of COVID-19 within the State of Oklahoma; and

**WHEREAS**, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has issued Interim Guidance for Mass Gatherings or Large Community Events which recommends putting into action strategies for postponing or canceling events; and

**WHEREAS**, the CDC advised American cities and counties to limit public gatherings of 50 people; and

**WHEREAS**, the Woodward Code of Ordinances, along with state law, permit the Mayor of the City of Woodward to proclaim that a state of emergency exists within the city limits,

**NOW THEREFORE, AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WOODWARD, I HEREBY PROCLAIM THE EXISTENCE OF A CIVIL EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF WOODWARD AND FURTHER, IT IS HEREBY DECLARED AND ORDERED, AS FOLLOWS:**

1. All events or gatherings of fifty (50) people or more, in or on a City-owned or City-operated facility or property, are hereby banned for 30 days.
2. All special event permits, issued under the authority of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Woodward and revocable permits with projected attendance of fifty (50) people or more, are hereby revoked, and as of this date, no further such special event permits shall be issued and no such special events may be held in or on a City-owned or City-operated facility or property for 30 days from the effective date of this declaration.

3. The following City of Woodward facilities will be closed to the public:

Woodward City Hall  
Woodward Municipal Court  
Woodward Police Department  
Woodward Fire Department  
Woodward Conference Center  
Woodward Senior Center  
Woodward Public Library  
Plains Indians and Pioneer Museum  
All Crystal Beach Park Sports facilities  
Woodward Public Works Authority

\* Park patrons are highly encouraged to use discretion in all parts of the park facility playgrounds and open spaces, when crowded conditions exist.

4. All in-person gatherings for social, spiritual and recreational purposes, including but not limited to community, civic, public, leisure, faith-based, or sporting events, concerts, festivals, conventions, fundraisers, and similar activities are strongly discouraged, per CDC recommendations, until the expiration of this emergency declaration.
5. Restaurants, bars, and other privately owned gathering places are highly encouraged to ensure at least six (6) feet of space, per CDC recommendations, is available to each patron.
6. This state of emergency shall take effect March 17, 2020 and continue for the following 30 days unless terminated earlier by further proclamation.

**AND I DO FURTHER PROCLAIM, that public notice of this proclamation and state of emergency shall be given to and filed with the City Clerk of the City of Woodward. ADOPTED and SIGNED this 17th day of March, 2020.**

ATTEST:

*Andrea Murlin*

Andrea Murlin, City Clerk



*John Meinders*

John Meinders, Mayor