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**HEALTH EMERGENCY DECLARATION, BURKE COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA**

March 23, 2020

WHEREAS, Burke County, North Dakota continues to monitor COVID-19 activity; and

WHEREAS, no drug or vaccine is currently available to treat or prevent COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020 (retroactive to January 27, 2020), US Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Alex M. Azar II declared a public health emergency for the United States to aid the nation's health care community responding to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump proclaimed that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constitutes a national emergency, beginning March 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the impact of COVID-19 and cascading events threatens the health, well-being, and safety of citizens in Burke County; and

WHEREAS, Burke County Departments are undergoing efforts to mitigate activity through employee education, reviewing continuity of services, and purchasing supplies for increased cleaning efforts and virus protection; and

WHEREAS, the mitigation efforts may have a serious financial effect in excess of Burke County resources due to the unknown COVID-19 duration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Burke County Commissioners declare a state of health emergency exists in Burke County, North Dakota.

DATED at Bowbells, North Dakota this 23rd day of March, 2020.

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 Jarret Van Berkomp, Chairman  
 Burke County Board of Commissioners