



*Proclamation*  
*Mayor Tim Kabat*  
*City of La Crosse*

**PROCLAIMING CITY OF LA CROSSE'S  
PARTICIPATION IN AMICUS BRIEF TO  
SUPPORT SAFER AT HOME ORDER**

**WHEREAS**, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 to be a public health emergency of International concern; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 12, 2020, Governor Tony Evers declared a state of emergency for the State of Wisconsin concerning the global pandemic, COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump proclaimed a National emergency concerning COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 24, 2020, Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) Secretary-designee Andrea Palm issued Emergency Order #12 – the “Safer at Home” order, which requires our citizens to stay at home during the crisis with few exceptions; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 2, 2020, City of La Crosse Mayor Tim Kabat declared a public emergency for the City of La Crosse concerning the global pandemic, COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 16, 2020, Wisconsin DHS Secretary-designee Palm extended the “Safer at Home” order until May 26, 2020 in order to continue State and local efforts to combat the spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the authority of the Wisconsin DHS has been challenged by the Wisconsin State Legislature with a lawsuit before the Wisconsin Supreme Court; and

**WHEREAS**, inhibiting the Wisconsin DHS authority to immediately and comprehensively respond to a statewide health emergency will lead to a slow, chaotic, confusing, and ineffective patchwork of local health responses; and

**WHEREAS**, this challenge will result in surges of unnecessary COVID-19 infections and deaths throughout the State, reversing the progress and forfeiting the sacrifices all Wisconsinites have made to combat this virus.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM KABAT, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LA CROSSE**, do hereby join the City of La Crosse with an amicus brief to maintain Wisconsin DHS Secretary-designee Palm's extension of the “Safer at Home” order; and



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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the City Attorney is authorized and directed to submit an amicus brief on behalf of the City of La Crosse; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Clerk place this proclamation on the next meeting of the La Crosse Common Council for its review, ratification, modification or repeal.

Dated on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year Two Thousand Twenty.



*Tim Kabat*  
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MAYOR TIM KABAT