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## CITY OF MONROE MAYOR ROBERT E. CLARK TERMINATES STATE OF EMERGENCY

(MONROE, MI) - Following the rescission of State of Michigan Emergency Orders in response to the coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic, which went into effect June 22, 2021, at 12:01 AM, Monroe City Council passed a resolution at their June 21st meeting to terminate the local State of Emergency (SOE) instated by Mayor Robert E. Clark on Sunday, March 15th, 2020. The action also rescinds all associated pandemic related resolutions.

The State of Emergency officially ends Friday, June 25th at 5:00 PM.

The official Termination of the Declaration of Emergency, signed by Mayor Clark on Tuesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 11:06 AM, reads as such:

"WHEREAS, Chapter 52 - Emergency Preparedness - of the Code of the City of Monroe authorizes the Mayor of the City to declare a State of Emergency in the event of occurrence or imminent threat of epidemic; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Monroe, Michigan (the "Mayor") declared that a State of Emergency relating to COVID-19 exists within the City of Monroe, Michigan effective March 15, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. (the "State of Emergency"); and

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2021, the State of Michigan (the "State") announced the rescission of most of the restrictions imposed by the State effective June 22, 2021 at 12:01 a.m. due to the following stated facts: Since the April 2021 peak, positivity rates, case rates, hospitalizations, and deaths have decreased. As of June 14, 2021, the weekly average positivity rate has decreased by 90% from the mid-April 2021 peak to 1.9%. The seven-day average case rate for Michigan has fallen by 96% to 24.3 cases per million through June 9, 2021. The rate of COVID-19 cases detected per day in Michigan is below 500 and continues to fall. These are the lowest percent positivity and case rates in Michigan over the past year. As of June 16, 2021, there are 493 Michiganders hospitalized with COVID-19, a decline of 87% since the mid-April 2021 peak. The seven-day average daily death rate through June 9, 2021, has declined by 75% to1.9 deaths per million. Since December 11, 2020, the Food and Drug Administration has granted emergency use authorization to three vaccines to prevent COVID-19. As of June 15, 2021, 60.6% of Michigan residents 16 and older have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DECLARED, that the State of Emergency relating to COVID-19 in the City of Monroe, Michigan is terminated effective June 25, 2021 at 5:00 p.m."

The full resolutions of the actions related to this termination can be found attached.

Mayor Robert E. Clark: "Over the past year, COVID-19 has had a significant impact on our community as a whole. Through concerted efforts by the State of Michigan, Monroe County, and the City of Monroe, in addition to participation by our residents, we have arrived at a time wherein previously established safeguards can be eased. I'm extremely comfortable and confident in terminating the State of Emergency in the City of Monroe at this time. As we move forward into this post-pandemic period, we should all remain vigilant and continue to take necessary precautions."

Any meetings after the State of Emergency (SOE) is rescinded will continue to be in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, which in the lack of a declared SOE, will return to in-person gatherings. The return to in-person city council meetings in the Council Chambers of City Hall will begin Tuesday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, and will be open to the public to attend. Individuals who choose to attend meetings are not required to wear a face covering, although they certainly may choose to wear a mask based on their comfort level.

Residents who missed last night's City Council meeting are encouraged to watch the meeting on our YouTube channel for further information: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/c/CityofMonroeMichigan">https://www.youtube.com/c/CityofMonroeMichigan</a>. Additionally, council meetings are also replayed on the following schedule: Tuesday – Sunday at 7:30 PM and Wednesday and Friday at 2:00 AM on the government channel, 18/Comcast or 190/Charter.

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to constitute an epidemic in Michigan, City administration will continue to monitor the situation and work closely with the Monroe County Health Department (MCHD) and Monroe County Emergency Management Division (MCEMD). Any updates or changes as it may pertain to the operations of public facilities will be announced via the communication methods highlighted below.

The public in encouraged to regularly monitor the City's website (www.monroemi.gov), Facebook page, app push notifications, the city's government channel: channel (18/Comcast or 190/Charter), and local media for updates.

The latest information regarding the pandemic is available at Michigan.gov/Coronavirus and CDC.gov/Coronavirus.

Incorporated in 1817, the City of Monroe is a community that has a shared vision that seeks to balance the opportunities of economic development with the stewardship that is required for historic preservation. With a population of 20,733, Monroe is located about 17-miles north of Toledo, Ohio and about 35-miles south of Detroit. The City of Monroe is Michigan's third oldest community, and is also the county seat of Monroe County.

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## CITY OF MONROE RESOLUTION

## Resolution Related to Termination of Declaration of State of Emergency Relating to COVID-19

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WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Monroe, Michigan (the "Mayor") declared that a State of Emergency relating to COVID-19 (the "State of Emergency") exists within the City of Monroe, Michigan effective March 15, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2021, the State of Michigan (the "State") announced the rescission of most of the restrictions imposed by the State effective June 22, 2021 at 12:01 a.m. due to the following stated facts:

Since the April 2021 peak, positivity rates, case rates, hospitalizations, and deaths have decreased. As of June 14, 2021, the weekly average positivity rate has decreased by 90% from the mid-April 2021 peak to 1.9%. The seven-day average case rate for Michigan has fallen by 96% to 24.3 cases per million through June 9, 2021. The rate of COVID-19 cases detected per day in Michigan is below 500 and continues to fall. These are the lowest percent positivity and case rates in Michigan over the past year. As of June 16, 2021, there are 493 Michiganders hospitalized with COVID-19, a decline of 87% since the mid-April 2021 peak. The seven-day average daily death rate through June 9, 2021, has declined by 75% to 1.9 deaths per million. Since December 11, 2020, the Food and Drug Administration has granted emergency use authorization to three vaccines to prevent COVID-19. As of June 15, 2021, 60.6% of Michigan residents 16 and older have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor anticipates the termination of the declaration of the State of Emergency on or before June 25, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has authorized and approved COVID-19 Resolutions #1 through #8 and COVID Re-Opening Resolutions #1 through #3; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the effective date and time of the termination of the State of Emergency by the Mayor, COVID-19 Resolutions #1 through #8 and COVID Re-Opening Resolutions #1 through #3 are rescinded and of no further force and effect.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Monroe encourages the continued monitoring of the COVID-19 pandemic and recommends the continued adherence to federal, state and local guidance concerning response to COVID-19.

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