



## *Proclamation*

*WHEREAS*, countries around the globe have experienced the COVID-19 Corona Virus pandemic with over 16 million confirmed cases and 648,966 deaths; and

*WHEREAS*, the United States has over 4.1 million cases and 145,892 deaths; and

*WHEREAS*, Iowa has over 42,357 cases and 829 deaths; and

*WHEREAS*, Polk and County has over 9,080 cases and 191 deaths; and

*WHEREAS*, the number of COVID-19 cases continue to increase in our nation, state and counties placing our residents at risk for serious illness or death; and

*WHEREAS*, the World Health Organization has determined that wearing face shields or cloth face masks has proven to be one of the most effective means to curb the spread of the COVID-19 virus among persons in public settings; and

*WHEREAS*, it is critically important to protect the residents, visitors, students and employees in the City of Ankeny from the spread of the COVID-19; and

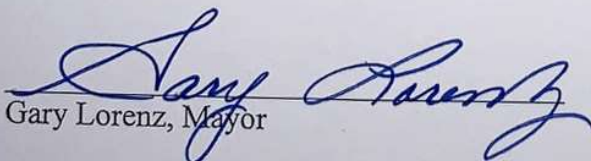
*WHEREAS*, the City of Ankeny desires that individuals in the City comply with recommended practices to reduce the virus spread including social distancing and the use of face shields or cloth face masks.

*WHEREAS*, the City of Ankeny encourages businesses throughout Ankeny to explore similar measures as a way to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and help keep businesses operational.

***NOW, THEREFORE, I, GARY LORENZ, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ANKENY, IOWA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM:***

That the City encourages everyone to social distance and wear face shields or cloth masks when they are in proximity of other persons both in public as well as private locations and that these practices continue until substantial progress in curbing the spread of the COVID-19 virus had been declared by public health officials.

***DATED AND SIGNED THIS 27<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2020***

  
Gary Lorenz, Mayor