



DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY IN
WEST POINT, COLUMBIA COUNTY, WISCONSIN

WHEREAS, in December 2019, a novel strain of the coronavirus was detected which causes coronavirus disease, or COVID-19, and it has spread globally into a pandemic with confirmed cases in all 50 states and, as of this declaration, with two confirmed cases in Columbia County; and

WHEREAS, international organizations, the federal government, the state government, the county and other local units of government are all working together to contain the further spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS the World Health Organization has declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern, the United States Department of Health and Human Services has declared a Public Health Emergency, and the State of Wisconsin has declared a Public Health Emergency; and

WHEREAS, in order to protect the health and well being of our residents, we must all avail ourselves to all the resources needed to respond to and contain the presence of COVID-19 in our community; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Ashley Nedeau-Owen, Town Chair of West Point, by the authority vested in me by sections 323.11 and 323.14(4)(b) of the Wisconsin Statutes, hereby

- Proclaim that a public health emergency exists in the Town of West Point until such time as the town board votes to repeal this proclamation or the State of Wisconsin Public Health Emergency is no longer in effect.
- Urge all residents of the town to comply with the Centers for Disease Control's (CDC) March 12, 2020 Mitigation Strategies for Communities with Local COVID-19 Transmission found at www.cdc.gov/COVID19.
- Urge all residents to practice social distancing to the maximum extent they are able to do so.
- Encourage landlords within the town to exercise discretion and compassion when dealing with tenants within our community who may struggle making rent payments due to the repercussions of COVID-19.

Dated this 19th day of March, 2020

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ashley Nedeau-Owen".

Town Chair Ashley Nedeau-Owen