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Lake County Declares State of Emergency; Closes County Offices to the Public

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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The Lake County Board of Commissioners held an Emergency Board Meeting today. At the 9:00 a.m. meeting, the Board unanimously approved a resolution declaring a State of Emergency for conditions resulting from the COVID-19 outbreak. In addition, the Board approved three resolutions as follows:

- 1.) closing all Lake County offices to the public effective March 19, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. until further notice;
- 2.) delegating authority to the County Administrator to allow county staff to work remotely when and where feasible during the emergency; and
- 3.) allowing county staff to utilize paid leave in certain circumstances during the emergency.

While county offices will be closed to the public, the county will remain open for business. Services will be provided to the community by phone, email and USPS. A complete listing of department contacts can be found on the Lake County website www.co.lake.mn.us and at (218) 834-8300.

The Courthouse will remain open during regular business hours for District Court business only. It is recommended that you call ahead to Court Administration at (218) 834-8330 to determine the appropriate location to enter the Courthouse.

We will make every effort to keep the Recycling Center open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 11am to 5:30pm, however, if we are unable to appropriately staff the facility it will be closed until further notice. Please check the Lake County Facebook page for updates or call the Solid Waste Office at 834-8304.

The Demolition Landfill will maintain its regular schedule.

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