

**PROCLAMATION OF STATE OF CIVIL EMERGENCY TO FURTHER PROTECT  
PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY**

**WHEREAS**, ongoing unlawful assembly and civil demonstrations beginning on May 30, 2020 have resulted in property damage and imminent threats of substantial harm to our citizens;

**WHEREAS**, to date the City of Grand Rapids has taken numerous actions to respond and protect against this threat; and

**WHEREAS**, this Proclamation is necessary to authorize the use of emergency powers in order to expand and expedite that response;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Rosalynn Bliss, Mayor of the City of Grand Rapids, Michigan pursuant to City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 161 do hereby declare by this Proclamation that these conditions constitute a state of civil emergency.

1. This Proclamation activates any and all authority delegated to me by any and all emergency management, public health and other pertinent laws to issue any and all oral and written directives that I, upon the advice of public safety and health and other expert officials, reasonably deem necessary to respond to and protect our community.
2. This Proclamation shall expire **forty-eight (48) hours** from the date and time of its signature or upon a proclamation by the Mayor that a state of civil emergency no longer exists, whichever occurs first; provided, however, that such state of civil emergency may be extended for such additional periods of time as determined necessary by resolution of the City Commission.
3. Any person who shall violate any order, rule or regulation made in conformity with a proclamation of emergency issued pursuant to this Chapter shall be subject to immediate arrest, and upon conviction, punished as provided in Section 1.13 of City Code.
4. This proclamation becomes effective upon issuance and dissemination to the public by the appropriate news media.



Rosalynn Bliss  
Mayor of the City of Grand Rapids

Date: May 31, 2020