CITY OF CAMANCHE, IOWA EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, COVID-19 poses a serious threat to the public health and safety of the City of Camanche, Iowa, as outlined by the Center for Disease Control ("CDC"); and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Department of Public Health ("IDPH") has now determined that community spread of COVID-19 has occurred in the State of Iowa; and

WHEREAS, the Hon. Governor Kim Reynolds has extended a State of Public Health Disaster Emergency effective April 27, 2020 through May 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Governor Reynolds has loosened some emergency measures in 77 counties including Clinton County; and

WHEREAS, Section 372.14(2) of the Code of Iowa (2019) grants the Mayor powers to declare an emergency and govern through proclamation to protect the health and safety of the citizens of Camanche.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Trevor Willis, the duly elected Mayor of the City of Camanche, Iowa, do hereby proclaim the following:

1. That a state of emergency or public danger continues to exist within the City of Camanche because of the threat of the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

2. That all businesses in section two of the Governor’s proclamation dated April 27, 2020 shall be authorized to operate while following the specific guidelines as identified in said proclamation.

3. That the Camanche Public Library and Camanche City Hall shall open to the public no earlier than May 15, 2020 and shall follow all guidelines in the proclamation.

4. That all orders from the Governor’s proclamation dated April 27, 2020 continue to be in effect within the City of Camanche, Iowa including the closure of all public parks and pavilions.
5. That all mass gatherings be it social, community, recreational, leisure, and sporting gatherings and events of more than 10 people are hereby prohibited at all locations and venues, including but not limited to parades, festivals, conventions, and fundraisers. Planned large gatherings and events must continue to be cancelled or postponed until after termination of this disaster.

6. Spiritual and religious gatherings are not prohibited by this section, but a church, synagogue, or other host of a spiritual or religious gathering shall implement reasonable measures under the circumstances of each gathering to ensure social distancing of employees, volunteers, and other participants, increased hygiene practices, and other public health measures to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 consistent with guidance issued by the Iowa Department of Public Health. Although wedding and funeral ceremonies are not covered by this section, wedding receptions of more than 10 people are social gatherings that are prohibited.

7. That this Proclamation of Emergency may be modified and/or superseded by future proclamation of the Office of the Mayor of Camanche as future events warrant.

8. That any violation of any proclamation of the Office of the Mayor of the City of Camanche, Iowa, shall be enforceable by the Camanche Police Department and any violation of the same shall be a violation of Title 1 Section 3 of the Camanche Code of Ordinances and punishable as a simple misdemeanor.

9. That any violation of Title 1 Section 3 of the Camanche Code of Ordinances under this order shall be set at the maximum allowable fine.

Dated this 29th day of April, 2020.

Trevor Willis, Mayor
Paul Varner, Mayor Pro Tem

Attest: Toni L. Schneider, City Clerk