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Family, Friends, and Neighbors:

I bring you greetings from the City of Muskegon at this unprecedented time in the history of our city, state, nation, and world.

What an unexpected turn of events we have lived through over the course of the past weeks and even days. The news and updates are coming faster than we can absorb sometimes, and with each pronouncement or headline, our lives change, sometimes in very significant ways. Such rapid change has caused much distress, anxiety, and even fear, but we need to step back, refocus, and calm our minds and hearts.

We have our first case of COVID-19 in county, and the experts say it is coming, if not immediately, then potentially in further waves of the virus in the months to come. We need to remain vigilant and take the direction of our local, state, and federal public health officials on how to beat this pandemic.

Most importantly at this point is for EVERYONE to adhere to the principle of "social distancing" to limit community spread. We need to stop ourselves from potentially infecting one another by keeping safe distances, not gathering in large groups, and pretty much hunkering down in our homes. At this point, that does not mean complete isolation - a trip to one of the fantastic Muskegon parks for a walk or taking in an iconic Lake Michigan sunset at Pere Marquette Park from the safety of your vehicle are possible. And please, please wash your hands frequently, disinfect the spaces that you occupy that others may eventually share, and self-quarantine if you are feeling sick. Seek medical treatment if you need it.

Be assured that your Muskegon city government is fully functioning behind the scenes even though City Hall has been temporarily closed to the public. Watch for public updates on the city's website and social media accounts like our Facebook page. Our incredible staff continues to work minute to minute with county, state, and federal officials in our local response to this pandemic. The City of Muskegon has jumped into the economic breach to initially support our local, independent small businesses and to work with our major employers to ease the distress that is surely building. The city will share with residents, business managers, and business owners the critical assistance programs being offered by Michigan and the U.S. government, while continuing to develop innovative local relief programs for those who are hurting economically.

Finally, let us all take time to acknowledge, appreciate, and honor the front line City of Muskegon workers especially in the police and fire departments and the Department of Public Works. They have been exceptional so far in keeping our community operating and our citizens safe. They likely will be challenged even more in the coming days and weeks. Do all that you can to support their efforts.

And support each other as you can, in your homes, your neighborhoods, your work places, and your communities of worship.

Prior generations of Muskegonites faced the Great Depression, World War II, and 911. This is our time, Muskegon, to show the grit, innovation, caring, and compassion that is the hallmark of our history. We are being asked to remain in what is one of the most stunningly beautiful places on earth with the people we truly love. We will make it through this moment and our city will be poised for a continuation of the historic transformation that is well underway in Muskegon.

Be good, be safe, be healthy.

Your Mayor,

Stephen J. Gawron