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EAST DUNDEE VILLAGE PRESIDENT LAEL MILLER DECLARES A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

From the Office of Village President Lael Miller

In response to COVID-19, commonly known as Coronavirus, today, Monday, March 23rd, with the support of the Village Board, I declared a State of Emergency in the Village of East Dundee allowing the Village President such powers deemed reasonably necessary to allow the Village to respond to the emergency.

This Declaration allows the Village the ability to receive funding from certain State and Federal sources, as well as waive public bidding on certain items the Village construes to be necessary and urgent, and the authority to waive code requirements as needed. East Dundee needs every tool at it's disposal right now to prepare and weather this storm, and I want us to be prepared for all contingencies. Therefore, I have declared a formal State of Emergency in East Dundee. This does not mean that you need to panic, or should feel any differently about this. This is an administrative decision that allows us to act with haste when needed and avoid red tape. Everything will still be transparent and in the public record.

The two issues I am most concerned about are the health and safety of our people and the economic fallout that is occurring due to our shutdown.

Please continue to stay at home if you are not an essential worker. When you do go out, avoid close contact with other people. We need to stop the spread of this so that our first responders and especially our health care professionals can do their jobs and help people. The more people that stay at home, the faster this will pass. This will not be a few weeks. It will be several weeks before we even see the effects of the social-distancing. I fully anticipate it will be several more weeks before we see the numbers going down. In the mean time, the number of cases may rise dramatically. How you act today determines what happens next. Think of this simply – if you keep a six foot distance between yourself and others and wash your hands frequently, you may decrease your chances of contracting the virus. Can we do that for several weeks or more? I certainly think so.

I am talking with our representatives from the State and Federal Government regarding funding to residents and businesses to help us through this. Many people lost their income last week, and more will in the coming weeks. The economic fallout from this will be huge and long lasting unless Congress can implement an immediate economic stimulus package. I will continue pushing for fast action on a massive scale.

I am extremely concerned for all of our businesses. Many of them will not be able to weather even a short-term shutdown. There are now forgivable long-term SBA loans available, for information and application please go to <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>. I urge all of our businesses to apply. I will have all economic stimulus packages posted to the Village's official Coronavirus Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/VOEDCOVID19/> as they become available. If you are supporting local restaurants that offer pickup and curbside pickup, please limit your contact inside. Use the curbside pickup whenever possible.

Finally, we need your help. I am hearing stories of health care professionals that are coming home from 12 hour shifts, only to find no food or supplies at the store for their families. Hoarding toilet paper and meat is unnecessary and downright harmful. There will not be a shortage of supplies unless people create it out of fear. The grocery stores, pharmacies, and gas stations are not closing.

Please act responsibly. As I've said before, we need to get through this as a community. This country has survived many wars and tragedies before. We've come through depressions, terrorist acts, rationing, and other tough times. We will get through this.