

**CITY OF WATHENA, KANSAS  
RESOLUTION NO. 2020-4**

A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC; ACKNOWLEDGING A STATE OF DISASTER EMERGENCY IN THE STATE OF KANSAS; ACKNOWLEDGING GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER 20-16; ACKNOWLEDGING KANSAS SUPREME COURT ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-PR-31; AND TEMPORARILY CLOSING THE WATHENA MUNICIPAL COURT.

WHEREAS, securing the health and safety of residents and employees of the City of Wathena is the top priority of the Wathena City Commission; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared a global pandemic of COVID-19 on March 11, 2020; and

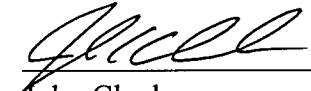
WHEREAS, a State of Disaster Emergency for COVID-19 was proclaimed for the State of Kansas on March 12, 2020; and

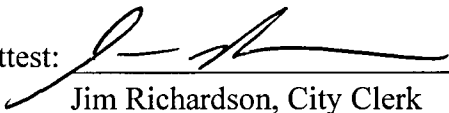
WHEREAS, on March 29, 2020, the Governor of the State of Kansas issued Executive Order No. 20-16, establishing a statewide "stay home" order in conjunction with the Kansas Essential Function Framework for COVID-19 response efforts; and

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2020, the Kansas Supreme Court issued Administrative Order 2020-PR-31, suspending certain deadlines and time limitations in Kansas municipal courts due to the COVID-19 emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, in order to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and to protect the health and safety of residents and municipal court employees and officers, the Wathena City Commission does hereby resolve and declare that the Wathena Municipal Court shall be closed because of the COVID-19 pandemic, effective as of the date of this resolution, until such a time as the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court issues further orders regarding municipal courts or until such time as the Court is reopened by the Wathena Municipal Judge in compliance with recommendations made by the Kansas Supreme Court. This order closing the Wathena Municipal Court shall not preclude the Court from determining probable cause for persons arrested without a warrant; conducting first appearances; setting appearance bonds and conditions of release; and issuing arrest warrants.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the Mayor of Wathena has hereunto set his hand and caused to be affixed to this Resolution, the Seal of the City of Wathena, Kansas, this 6th day of April, 2020.

  
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John Cluck  
Mayor, City of Wathena

Attest:   
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Jim Richardson, City Clerk