

## PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** One of the greatest responsibilities of any elected official is the protection of the electorate served and the protection of the greater public health and safety; and
- WHEREAS,** On March 17, 2020, the Governor issued a Proclamation of Public Health Disaster Emergency for the State related to the dangers of COVID-19, which remained in place through February 15, 2022; and
- WHEREAS,** Over 740,000 cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed in the State of Iowa and to date nearly 9,000 Iowans have lost their lives due to COVID-19; and over 25,430 cases and 290 deaths have been reported in Dubuque County to date; and
- WHEREAS,** Statewide 61% of Iowans are fully vaccinated and 51% of them are up-to-date (boosted); 64% of Dubuque County residents are fully vaccinated and 55% are fully vaccinated and up-to-date, and
- WHEREAS,** The Omicron variant is currently the predominant variant and generally causes less severe disease than infection with prior variants; and
- WHEREAS,** The risk of serious illness and death is significantly reduced with the Omicron variant, and in recent weeks, new cases of coronavirus have been dropping in every state except Maine and hospitalizations are declining locally and nationwide; and
- WHEREAS,** Vaccines remain the best tool we have available for reducing the risk of symptomatic disease, hospitalization and death, and vaccinations continue to be widely available and accessible for all residents over the age of five (5); and
- WHEREAS,** While the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), currently designates Dubuque County at a "high level" of community transmission, the risk of serious illness and death for those fully vaccinated and up-to-date (boosted) is significantly less than with prior COVID-19 variants; and
- WHEREAS,** We are entering a new phase of virus transmission which includes the possibility of new variant development; and residents must remain informed and be prepared to take precautions based on the evolving science while taking responsibility for their personal choices and actions knowing and understanding the risks of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 372.14(2) of the Iowa Code authorizes the Mayor “to govern the city by proclamation, upon making a determination that time of emergency or public danger exists”; and

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to the powers vested in me as Mayor under Section 372.14(2) of the Iowa Code and Section 7-3-1 of the City Code of Dubuque, I maintain the authority to rescind the issuance of a Proclamation of Civil Emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to Article III, Section 38A of the Iowa Constitution, the powers vested in me as Mayor under Section 372.14(2) of the Iowa Code, Section 7-3-1 of the City of Dubuque Code of Ordinances, I hereby find it in the public interest to rescind the ongoing proclamation of Civil Emergency.

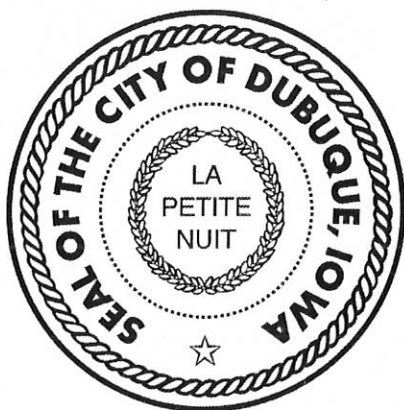
**NOW, THEREFORE, IN CONSIDERATION OF THE FOREGOING AND OTHER VALID EMERGENT CONCERNS, I, BRAD CAVANAGH, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DUBUQUE, PROCLAIM AND ORDER THE FOLLOWING:**

I hereby determine that a state of emergency or public danger in the City of Dubuque no longer exists.

The prior proclamation of civil emergency is hereby rescinded.

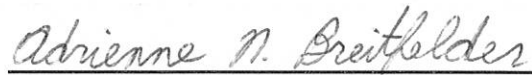
This Proclamation is part of an ongoing response of the City of Dubuque to COVID-19. Please be aware these decisions have been made based upon the information available today. You can find the most recent information about the City’s response to COVID-19 at [www.cityofdubuque.org](http://www.cityofdubuque.org).

**PROCLAIMED THIS 21<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2022 BY THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CODE OF IOWA AND THE CITY OF DUBUQUE CODE OF ORDINANCES.**



IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Dubuque to be affixed this 21<sup>ST</sup> day of February 2022.

  
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Brad Cavanagh, Mayor

Attest:  
  
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Adrienne N. Breitfelder, City Clerk