

CITY OF CALEDONIA, MINNESOTA

**RESOLUTION 2020-08**

**RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT  
FOR CITY OF CALEDONIA BUSINESSES  
AND URGING MINNESOTA GOVERNOR TIM WALZ TO  
REDUCE RESTRICTIONS ON CALEDONIA'S BUSINESSES AND CITIZENS**

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2020, Governor Tim Walz issued Emergency Executive Order 20-04, providing for temporary closure of bars, restaurants, and other places of public accommodation; and

**WHEREAS**, this order was extended on April 30, 2020, through Emergency Executive Order 20-48 until midnight on May 17, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 13, 2020, Governor Walz issued Emergency Executive Order 20-56, which would allow retail establishments to open at 50% capacity starting May 18, 2020, but would keep bars, gyms, and pools closed and would continue to limit restaurants to delivery and take-out dining only; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 27, 2020, Governor Walz signed a new order, Emergency Executive Order 20-63, which would allow restaurants to provide outdoor dining starting June 1, 2020, provided that patrons are kept at least six feet apart, workers wear masks, capacity is limited to 50 patrons, and reservations are required; and

**WHEREAS**, the restrictions continued on restaurants in Executive Order 20-63 are not practicable or financially viable; and

**WHEREAS**, Emergency Executive Order 20-63 still requires bars, gyms, and pools to be closed and prohibits youth sports from playing games; and

**WHEREAS**, the restrictions imposed by Governor Walz were supposed to be temporary and have lasted longer than Caledonia citizens were led to believe;

**WHEREAS**, Caledonia's businesses have endured significant hardship since they were closed in March, and some may never recover due to the financial strain they have suffered in recent months; and

**WHEREAS**, Caledonia's businesses—both large and small—are vital to the health and welfare of the City and its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, Houston County has had only two confirmed cases of COVID-19 since January 1, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Tim Walz's emergency executive orders have imposed significant restrictions on Minnesota businesses and citizens regardless of the prevalence of COVID-19 in their communities; and

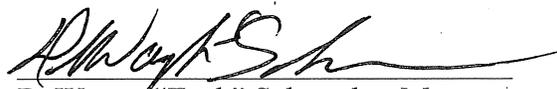
**WHEREAS**, with the location of Caledonia relative to La Crosse, Wisconsin, many residents are driving to Wisconsin and spending their money there rather than supporting local businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, the travel back and forth from Caledonia to La Crosse, Wisconsin is increasing the chance of spreading COVID-19.

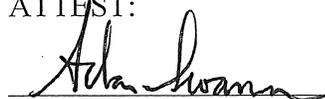
**NOW, THEREFORE, THE FOLLOWING IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CALEDONIA CITY COUNCIL:**

1. Cities like Caledonia in Greater Minnesota—which have experienced relatively few cases of COVID-19—should not be subject to the same one-size-fits-all limitations imposed in other regions of the state with higher numbers of cases.
2. Caledonia businesses will be irreparably harmed if the burdensome restrictions on our businesses are not removed.
3. Caledonia's restaurants should be allowed to provide indoor dining if social distancing measures are utilized.
4. Caledonia's bars should be allowed to open to the same extent as Caledonia's restaurants.
5. Caledonia's pool and gyms should be allowed to open so that Caledonia's citizens can exercise, stay active, and enjoy the outdoors.
6. Caledonia's youth sports teams should be allowed to play games.
7. Caledonia residents should have the choice to support those businesses and engage in those activities as they see fit, based upon each citizen's own needs and comfort level.

**ADOPTED** by the Caledonia City Council this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2020.

  
DeWayne "Tank" Schroeder, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Adam G. Swann, Clerk/Administrator

STATE OF MINNESOTA )  
COUNTY OF HOUSTON )  
CITY OF CALEDONIA )

I, Adam Swann, city clerk and administrator of the City of Caledonia, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct transcript of the resolution that was adopted at a meeting held on the 1st day of June, 2020, the original of which is on file in this office. I further certify that 5 members voted in favor of this resolution and that 5 members were present and voting.

Signed

Date

Adam Swann  
June 2, 2020