



**GOODHUE COUNTY
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES (GCHHS)
AGENDA**

**THURSDAY JULY 1, 2021
11:00 A.M. (OR IMMEDIETLY FOLLOWING THE BOARD
MEETING**

1. Call Annual HHS Board Meeting To Order
2. Review And Approve HHS Board Annual Meeting Agenda
3. REVIEW AND APPROVE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

Documents:

[JUNE 15, 2021 HHS BOARD MEETING MINUTES.PDF](#)

4. REVIEW AND APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. American Queen Steamboat Company

Documents:

[AMERICAN QUEEN STEAMBOAT COMPANY.PDF](#)

5. ACTION ITEMS:

- a. Reappointment Of HHS Lay Board Member - Nina Pagel

Documents:

[REAPPOINTMENT OF HHS LAY BOARD MEMBER.PDF](#)

- b. MRC Volunteer Proclamation
Kris Johnson

Documents:

[GOODHUE COUNTY MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS COVID-19 RESPONSE.PDF](#)

6. Annual Election Of Officers- Chair, Vice Chair, And Secretary
 - a. The HHS Director Calls For Nominations Of Chair
 - b. The NEW HHS Board Chair Calls For Nominations Of Vice Chair
 - c. The NEW HHS Board Chair Calls For Nominations Of Secretary
 1. The NEW HHS Board Chair Takes Over The Meeting After Being Elected And Finishes The Agenda Including Election Of Vice Chair And Secretary
7. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS:
8. Adjourn Annual Meeting
Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at 10:30 A.M.

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FAMILIES, AND COMMUNITIES**

**GOODHUE COUNTY
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING
MINUTES OF JUNE 15, 2021**

The Goodhue County Health and Human Services Board convened their regularly scheduled meeting at 10:52 A.M., Tuesday, June 15, 2021, online via GoToMeeting.

Brad Anderson, Paul Drotos, Linda Flanders, Todd Greseth, Susan Johnson, Jason Majerus, and Nina Pagel.

STAFF AND OTHERS PRESENT:

Nina Arneson, Kris Johnson, Mike Zorn, Lisa Woodford, Cheri Johnson, Abby Villaran, Katie Tang, Maggie Cichosz, Heather Arndt, Scott Arneson, Melissa Cushing, and Erin Koester.

AGENDA:

On a motion by B. Anderson and seconded by P. Drotos, the Board unanimously approved the June 15, 2021 Agenda.

MEETING MINUTES:

On a motion by S. Johnson and seconded by B. Anderson, the Board unanimously approved the Minutes of the H&HS Board Meeting on May 18, 2021.

CONSENT AGENDA:

On a motion by B. Anderson and seconded by S. Johnson, the Board unanimously approved all items on the consent agenda.

ACTION ITEMS:

On a motion by J. Majerus and seconded by T. Greseth, the Board unanimously approved payment of all accounts as presented.

On a motion by P. Drotos and seconded by N. Pagel, the Board unanimously approved Goodhue County Education District Contracts.

On a motion by B. Anderson and seconded by S. Johnson, the Board unanimously approved the Community Living Infrastructure Grant.

On a motion by B. Anderson and seconded by P. Drotos, the Board approved the personnel request of a new School Attendance Specialist, with J. Majerus and T. Greseth dissenting (5-2).

On a motion by P. Drotos and seconded by L. Flanders, the Board approved the personnel request of a new Housing Resource Specialist, with J. Majerus dissenting (6-1).

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On a motion by B. Anderson and seconded by N. Pagel, the Board approved the personnel request of a new Waiver Case Manager, with J. Majerus, T. Greseth, L. Flanders dissenting (4-3).

On a motion by S. Johnson and seconded by B. Anderson, the Board approved the personnel request of replacing a retiring Waiver Case Manager, with J. Majerus dissenting (6-1).

On a motion by B. Anderson and seconded by J. Majerus, the Board unanimously approved the personnel request of replacing the Fiscal Officer Positon to Accounting Supervisor.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Mental Health During & After COVID-19 Pandemic- Kris Johnson, Maggie Cichosz, and Abby Villaran
COVID-19 HHS Board update- Nina Arneson

FYI & REPORTS:

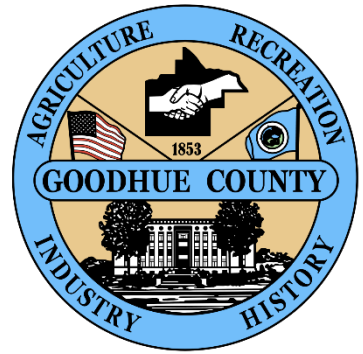
Child Protection Report
HHS Staffing Update

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS:

ADJOURN:

On a motion by B. Anderson and seconded by S. Johnson, the Board approved adjournment of this session of the Health & Human Services Board Meeting at or around 12:32 pm.

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HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES (GCHHS)**



REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

Requested Board Date:	July 1, 2021	Staff Lead:	Nina Arneson
Consent Agenda:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Attachments:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Action Requested:	Approve the Letter of Non-Participation with the American Queen Steamboat Company (AQSC)		

BACKGROUND:

The American Queen Steamboat Company (AQSC) is planning to dock the American Countess in Red Wing on 8/28/21 and 10/9/21. In order to operate under the Centers of Disease of Control and Prevention (CDC) Conditional Sailing Order, AQSC requires a Letter of Non-Participation or Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed by local port and health authorities.

Under Minnesota’s disease reporting rule, AQSC would be required to report cases of COVID-19 to the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH). The state would also take the lead in case investigation and contact tracing (CICT) for any cases associated with a cruise ship.

The AQSC is taking measures to reduce the likelihood of any positive cases of COVID-19 including requiring 100% of crew and passengers to be vaccinated and they are following CDC rules and recommendations.

The Goodhue County Attorney has reviewed both options, the Letter of Non-Participation and the MOU. The County Attorney’s recommendation is to sign the Letter of Non-Participation. This is due to the fact the AQSC does not care which agreement is signed, and both are sufficient to allow them to dock in Red Wing, Minnesota.

RECOMMENDATION: GCHHS Department recommends approval as requested.

From: Shelly Hartfield <Shelly.Hartfield@aqsc.com>
Sent: Friday, June 25, 2021 9:16 AM
To: Greenslade, Ruth <Ruth.greenslade@co.goodhue.mn.us>
Subject: American Queen Steamboat Company / CDC Requirements

External Email - Use caution opening links or attachments!

Ruth,

I am writing you in follow up to our conversation. We are working with the CDC to increase our capacity from 166 guests to 245 guests on the *American Countess*. Even though we are a small riverboat, we must follow the necessary guidelines to raise the entire vessel capacity (crew and guests) above 250.

You can either choose to sign the memo of understanding or the letter of non-participation. Either is fine and grants us the ability to dock in Red Wing on 8/28/21 and 10/9/21. We will still have several trips there on the *American Duchess*, which falls below the 250 total capacity as designed. We have been very cautious since we started sailing on March 15 and have been successful in keeping all guests, crew and communities safe.

If you could sign whichever works best for Goodhue County Health Community, and return to me, we will include it in our packet to the CDC.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Shelly Hartfield
Director of Port Services

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Mobile: (812) 987-3297
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Date

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American Queen Steamboat Operating Company, LLC
dba American Queen Steamboat Company
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shelly.hartfield@aqsc.com

SENT VIA ELECTRONIC AND U.S. MAIL

Re: **Statement of Non-Participation, U.S. Centers For Disease Prevention and Control (CDC) Port Agreement, American Queen Steamboat Company**

Dear Ms. Hartfield,

This letter documents that [redacted] is in receipt of the American Queen Steamboat Company's (AQSC) 2021 Schedule of Dockings, COVID-19 Response and Mitigation Plan and a copy of the CDC's Technical Instructions for a Cruise Ship Operator's Agreement with Port and Local Health Authorities under the CDC's Framework for Conditional Sail Order.

[redacted] understands and acknowledges that as of July 1, 2021, AQSC will operate cruises with only fully vaccinated passengers and crew on board¹. To that end, [redacted] has declined to enter into a Phase 2A Port Agreement as further defined and articulated under Phase 2A of the CDC's Framework for Conditional Sailing Order for cruise ship operations.

Sincerely,

[redacted]
Signature

Name: [redacted]

Title: [redacted]

Head Port or Municipal Official
Contact Info
Address/Contact Info

[redacted]
Signature

Name: [redacted]

Title: [redacted]

County Health Official
Address/Contact Info

¹ CDC has stated that a person is fully vaccinated 14 days after receiving the final dose of a U.S. Food and Drug Administration authorized or a World Health Organization Listed COVID-19 vaccine.

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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
AMERICAN QUEEN STEAMBOAT COMPANY
AND [ADD NAME OF PORT AUTHORITY OR MUNICIPALITY]
AND [ADD NAME OF PUBLIC HEALTH AUTHORITY EXERCISING JURISDICTION OVER
THE PORT OR MUNICIPALITY]**

1. **Parties.** This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as “MOU”) is made and entered into by and between the American Queen Steamboat Operating Company, LLC, (hereinafter referred to as AQSC) a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business at 222 Pearl Street, New Albany, IN 47150 and [Add Name and address of Port Authority or Municipality] and [Add Name and Address of Public Health Authority Exercising Jurisdiction over the Port of Municipality].
2. **Purpose.** On October 30, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the U.S. Center For Disease Prevention and Control (CDC) issued a Framework for Conditional Sailing Order that is applicable to overnight cruise vessels with at least 250 persons on board and wish to operate from U.S. ports. On April 4, 2021, CDC published technical instructions for cruise ship operators and for local health authorities that implement the Framework for Conditional Sailing Order.

AQSC operates vessels that are subject to the CDC’s conditional sailing order on the inland waters of the United States. The Parties mutually agree and desire to put this MOU in place to satisfy the requirements of the Conditional Sailing Order, ensure transparency of operations between the Parties, and to ensure the safe resumption of inland river cruise operations.

3. **Duration.** This MOU shall remain in effect until: (1) the expiration of the Secretary of Health and Human Services’ declaration that COVID-19 constitutes a public health emergency, (2) the CDC Director rescinds the order based on specific public health or other considerations or (3) any party to this MOU rescinds the MOU and provides Notice to the non-rescinding Parties.
4. **Responsibilities of the Parties.** The Parties agree to work together and co-operate in good faith in furtherance of the purposes of this MOU.

- a. American Queen Steamboat Company

- i. The Parties understands and acknowledges that as of July 1, 2021, AQSC will operate cruises with only fully vaccinated passengers and crew on board its vessels.
- ii. AQSC will begin operating the AMERICAN COUNTESS under the CSO on July 18, 2021 with 237 passengers and 96 crew on board. AQSC will begin operating the AMERICAN QUEEN under the CSO on August 9, 2021 with 460 passengers and 175 crew on board.
- iii. Appendix A is a list of dates and times that these vessels will be docking in Red Wing.
- iv. Appendix B is AQSC’s COVID-19 Response and Mitigation Plan. This plan outlines AQSC’s vaccination, port operations, vessel operations, medical care and housing protocols and procedures related to COVID-19.
- v. All AQSC guests’ participate in a pre-cruise hotel stay on the day prior to embarkation. All health screening and vaccine documentation checks occur at the following hotel(s):

1. Minneapolis Radisson Blu

Should a symptomatic passenger test positive for COVID-19, they will be housed at this hotel until they are cleared to travel home by local health officials.

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- vi. All guests are transported from the pre-night hotel to the vessel via private coach. Guests board in small groups so the boarding process is staggered to eliminate the mass gathering of guests during the embarkation process.
- vii. Appendix A contains a list of paneled health care providers that AQSC has contracted with to provide health care for guests and crew. Any guest or crew requiring medical care will be transported to these facilities for additional evaluation and treatment.
- viii. AQSC has the ability to transport guests and crew to medical care or to shoreside lodging via private auto should a guest or crewmember test positive for COVID-19 while on board.
- ix. AQSC shall immediately notify the cognizant Coast Guard office and the City of Red Wing should any guest or crewmember test positive for COVID-19.

b. Port or Municipality

- i. Communicate any changes to local health and safety restrictions, guidelines or advisories to AQSC.

c. Health Authority

- i. Work with AQSC to advise on state and local quarantine requirements for any guest or crewmember that tests positive for COVID-19.

- 5. **Amendments.** Any party to this MOU may modify, amend or rescind this MOU by providing Notice to the Parties of the proposed modification or amendment or the reason for rescinding the MOU. The Parties agree to discuss any notice of modification, amendment or rescission within 48 hours of receiving such Notice. The Parties shall notify the CDC any time this MOU is modified, amended or rescinded.
- 6. **Assignment and Transfer.** The Parties to this MOU may not add or substitute Parties, nor transfer or assign responsibilities under this MOU without first receiving CDC approval.
- 7. **Notices.** Notice shall be made in writing to the contacts below.

American Queen Steamboat Company
222 Pearl Street, New Albany, IN 47150
Attn: Shelly Hartfield
Shelly.Hartfield@aqsc.com
Phone: 812-987-3297

Port or Municipality

Health Authority

- 8. **Counterparts.** This MOU may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which when executed and delivered shall constitute a duplicate original, but all counterparts together shall constitute a single MOU.

Signature

Signature

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Name: _____

Name: Shawn M. Bierdz

Title: _____

Title: Chief Operating Officer
American Queen Steamboat Company

Head Port or Municipal Official
Contact Info
Address/Contact Info

Signature

Signature

Name: _____

Name: David Kelly

Title: _____

Title: Executive Vice President
Vessel Operations
American Queen Steamboat Company

Health Official Exercising Jurisdiction
Over Port or Municipality
Address/Contact Info

SAFECRUISE™

American Queen Steamboat Company has introduced SafeCruise, our enhanced set of health and safety protocols. SafeCruise is our commitment to our guests' safety and security throughout the entire cruise experience, and features pre-boarding, boarding and onboard processes to enhance health and safety.



VACCINATIONS

- COVID-19 vaccination is required for all guests and crew for all sailings beginning July 1, 2021.
- Vaccination documentation will be requested and must be provided prior to boarding.



PRE-BOARDING

- Guests will check in at the pre-cruise hotel stay on the day before embarkation. At this time, all guests will complete a health questionnaire.
- Passengers sailing on the *American Empress* must participate in a PCR test the night prior to their sailing at the pre-cruise hotel.



EMBARKATION AND DISEMBARKATION

- Luggage will be disinfected before it is brought on board and when it is removed from the vessel.
- When guests arrive at the gangway, they will be temperature screened.
- When the gangway is in use, sanitation will occur every half-hour.



GUEST ACCOMMODATIONS

- Prior to guest arrival, staterooms and suites will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected with hospital-grade EPA-approved solutions.
- Guest corridors will be cleaned and disinfected with electrostatic fogging twice-daily.
- Multi-purpose disinfecting wipes will be made available for all guests to carry and will be placed in all guest accommodations.
- Guest staterooms will be cleaned and disinfected with electrostatic fogging twice-daily.



PUBLIC SPACES

- Every space undergoes enhanced anti-microbial disinfection with medical-grade EPA-approved solutions.
- Twice-daily antiviral electrostatic fogging will occur in all public and crew spaces along with supplemental overnight deep fogging.
- Additional hand sanitizing stations with an alcohol-based sanitizer will be placed strategically throughout the ship.



FRESH AIR VENTILATION SYSTEMS

- UV-C light has been added to all main air handlers and all passenger and crew stateroom fan coil units to facilitate the effective disinfecting and sanitizing against microorganisms that may be present in the air supply.
- Air filtration and air quality are maintained to the highest industry standard on every vessel.



Uniquely American River Cruises



MASKS AND FACE COVERINGS

- Masks will be required during embarkation and on shore excursion motorcoaches per CDC guidelines.
- Masks will be provided (one per guest) in each of the guest's accommodations and additional masks will be available, if needed.
- Masks are not required onboard.



CREW MEMBER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES

- Crew will undergo weekly temperature checks and regular health monitoring.
- Crew will follow proper hand washing techniques.
- Crew are trained on all health and safety preventive measures.



FOOD AND BEVERAGE

- Hand washing stations are available outside each dining area.
- Crew will sanitize all frequently touched surfaces in restaurant areas hourly.
- Crew will sanitize all back-of-house areas such as pantries and office areas.
- Sanitizing Logs will be accurately maintained, and records kept on file.
- All tables, chairs and counter tops will be sanitized on the hour — or when vacated by the guest, whichever comes first.
- All table items will be removed each time a table is vacated. All crockery, glassware and cutlery will be washed even if unused.
- Menus will now be single-use paper printed and be discarded after each use.



SHORE EXCURSIONS

- All bus seats, windows and handrails will be sanitized with an EPA-approved solution each day before the first guests arrive.
- Stepwell handrails, seat handrails and seats will be cleaned after each service and sanitized every hour.
- The bus restrooms will be sanitized with an EPA-approved solution after each use and several times per day beyond that.
- Liquid hand sanitizer dispensers will be available at the motorcoach doors for all guests.
- Masks will be required on shore excursion motorcoaches.



MEDICAL RESOURCES

- A licensed medical officer will be on board and available throughout the voyage.
- We have PCR Testing capabilities on board for ongoing monitoring of guests and crew.
- We have formed partnerships with professional medical facilities in every port we visit so that you will be cared for wherever and whenever it is needed.



SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

- Wash your hands often with soap and warm water for 20 seconds. Use alcohol-based sanitizer when soap is not available.
- Cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze and be sure to cough or sneeze into your elbow if a tissue is unavailable.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Avoid personal contact with others such as handshaking or sharing cups, glasses or utensils.

TRAVEL PROTECTION

*Protect Your Cruise
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Life's unexpected circumstances can compromise your vacation plans, but you don't have to compromise your investment. American Queen Steamboat Company has paired with **Arch RoamRight®** to offer travel protection plans to cover your vacation investment.

Guests sailing on the **American Empress** must participate in a PCR test the night prior to their sailing at the pre-cruise hotel. COVID-19 vaccination is required for all guests and crew on the **American Empress** beginning June 14, 2021. Masks are not required onboard.



American Duchess 2021

Date	Day	Port	Arrival	Depart
7/18/21	Sun	Red Wing	1100	
7/19/21	Mon	Red Wing		1800
7/25/21	Sun	Red Wing	0700	
7/26/21	Mon	Red Wing		1800
8/1/21	Sun	Red Wing	0700	
8/2/21	Mon	Red Wing		1800
9/16/23	Sat	Red Wing	1100	
9/17/23	Sun	Red Wing		1800

American Countess 2021

Date	Day	Port	Arrival	Depart
8/28/21	Sat	Red Wing	1100	
8/29/21	Sun	Red Wing		1900
10/9/21	Sat	Red Wing	1100	
10/10/21	Sun	Red Wing		1800

**GOODHUE COUNTY
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES (GCHHS)**



REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

Requested Board Date:	July 1, 2021	Staff Lead:	Nina Arneson
Consent Agenda:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Attachments:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Action Requested:	Approval to Re-Appoint Nina Pagel, Cannon Falls, MN to the GCHHS Board, two year term, expiring July 1, 2023		

BACKGROUND:

Minnesota Statute Chapter 393, known as the Local Social Service Agency, states that a governing board shall consist of seven members, five of whom will be the Board of County Commissioners with two Lay Board members, one of whom shall be a woman and shall be nominated by the County Board of Commissioners. This requirement also meets and exceeds the Minnesota Statute Chapter 145A, known as the Local Public Health Act governing board requirements.

Commissioner Anderson is bringing forward re-appointment of Nina Pagel, Cannon Falls, MN

RECOMMENDATION: HHS Department recommends approval as requested.



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Oath of Office

I, Nina Pagel, having been officially appointed a Member of the Goodhue County Health and Human Services Board, effective July 1, 2021,

Do solemnly swear or affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Minnesota,

and that I will faithfully and impartially perform the duties of the Office to which I have been appointed, to the best of my knowledge and ability, so help me God.

Nina Pagel

Date

**Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of July, 2021 at
Cannon Falls, Minnesota.**

GCHHS Board Chair

Date

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Goodhue County COVID-19 Response Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)

The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) is a national network of volunteers, organized locally to improve the health and safety of their communities. The MRC network comprises more than 200,000 volunteers in roughly 800 community-based units located throughout the United States.

The Minnesota Responds MRC volunteers include medical and public health professionals, as well as other community members without healthcare backgrounds. MRC units engage these volunteers to strengthen public health, improve emergency response capabilities, and build community resiliency.

During the time of COVID-19 vaccinations, we called upon volunteers to register through Minnesota Responds MRC to assist with giving vaccinations and also to greet and assist the public at the vaccination sites.

We were extremely fortunate to have 21 people to assist in the various sites. **Between February and May of this year, Goodhue County MRC volunteers logged a total of 607 hours, with many caring smiles and helping hands!** This was extremely important, as everyone's help was needed with our County's COVID-19 response for the residents of Goodhue County.

On Tuesday, July 20, 2021, these volunteers will be officially recognized with a picnic at Colvill Park in Red Wing, Minnesota.

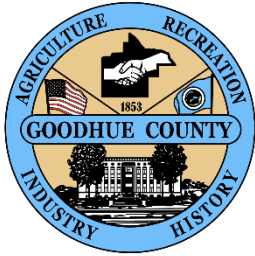
We want to publicly acknowledge and thank these Goodhue County MRC volunteers by name today:

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|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Annie Pedersen | 8. Judy Burfeind | 15. Mary Brunner |
| 2. Bill Hodson | 9. Julie Peterson | 16. Mary Heckman |
| 3. Bonnie Smith | 10. Kristin Goodman | 17. Nancy Hodson |
| 4. Terry Smith | 11. Larissa Scott | 18. Nicole Holz |
| 5. Sue Rasmussen | 12. Laurie Groves | 19. Peggy Decker |
| 6. Cindy Larson | 13. Jessie Nowak | 20. Susan Johnson |
| 7. Jean Lahaie | 14. Lois Nelson | 21. Susan Majerus |

To learn more about Minnesota Responds MRC, please go to www.mnresponds.org or connect with Heather Arndt, GCHHS Emergency Preparedness Coordinator at (651) 385-6157, heather.arndt@co.goodhue.mn.us

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**Goodhue County Medical Reserve Corps
COVID-19 Proclamation**

WHEREAS, the first case of COVID-19 in Goodhue County was identified on March 25, 2020; and

WHEREAS, as of June 25, 2021, 180 million people in the world, 33 million people in the United States, and 604,879 people in Minnesota, and 4,840 in Goodhue County have tested positive for COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, as of June 25, 2021, 3.9 million people in the world, 600k people in the United States, and 7,561 people in Minnesota, and 74 people in Goodhue County have lost their lives to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the normal course of daily life, business, work, celebrations, education, gatherings, healthcare, travel, arts, and culture have been disrupted in unprecedented ways across the world, Minnesota, and Goodhue County; and

WHEREAS, widespread vaccination and subsequent herd immunity is the most effective way to prevent illness or death from COVID-19 and to support a return to our vibrant family, educational, social, and cultural lives and to economic well-being; and

WHEREAS, the Goodhue County Health and Human Services Board wishes to express appreciation for the 21 people who volunteered in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic by assisting with getting over 10,000 vaccinations in arms during Goodhue County Health and Human Services vaccine clinics, so that, as of June 25, 2021, over 25,000 people in Goodhue County have been vaccinated with at least one dose; and

WHEREAS, Goodhue County Health and Human Services Board is grateful to those who keep our community's strength and well-being foremost in their hearts, regardless of inconvenience or personal cost,

WHEREAS, the Goodhue County Health and Human Services Board acknowledges that there are brighter and better days ahead because of the outstanding efforts of these volunteers.

NOW THEREFORE, I, GOODHUE COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD CHAIR, ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD, IN CONSIDERATION OF ALL THAT HAS BEEN DONE AND IS BEING DONE, WE SAY THANK YOU TO THE EXCEPTIONAL VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED US WITH THE COVID-19 RESPONSE. WE ARE PROUD OF YOU, AND WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR VOLUNTEER SERVICE AND WANT YOU TO KNOW HOW MUCH WE VALUE YOUR TIME AND COMMITMENT.

GCHHS Board Chair

Date

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