



Resolution 2020-15

**Supporting Creation of a Community Task Force on COVID-19
Response, Reopening, and Recovery**

WHEREAS, in order to combat the COVID-19 Pandemic, flatten the curve, and save lives, on March 24, 2020, Secretary-designee Andrea Palm of the Wisconsin Department of Health Services issued Emergency Order #12, Safer at Home Order (“Safer at Home Order”) requiring that everyone in Wisconsin stay at their home or place of residence except in limited circumstances until April 24, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on April 16, 2020, Secretary-designee Palm extended the Safer at Home Order, with certain modifications, to May 26, 2020, pursuant to Emergency Order #28; and

WHEREAS, on May 13, 2020, the Rock County Public Health Officer Marie Noel-Sandavol issued an Order adopting provisions of Wisconsin Department of Health Services Emergency Orders #28, #34, and #36; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 continues to present a substantial threat to the health, safety and wellbeing of Rock County, which currently has the ninth highest growth rate of COVID-19 cases in the country, according to data collected by the New York Times; and

WHEREAS, as of May 12, 2020, Rock County had 369 lab-confirmed positive cases, 3,553 negative tests, and 13 confirmed deaths from COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, recently 5 of 6 gating criteria for loosening restrictions statewide as identified in the Governor’s Badger Bounce Back Plan have been met; and

WHEREAS, the effect of COVID-19 on the local economy, including unemployment, are expected to be at historic levels; and

WHEREAS, the need to provide basic services to affected members of the community will be significant; and

WHEREAS, as statewide restrictions change, the Rock County region will need to collaboratively plan for and coordinate a localized response addressing many areas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Milton Common Council does hereby declare its support for the creation of a local task force of community partners that could review localized metrics and develop plans related to response, reopening, and recovery in Rock County; serve as a focal point for community information sharing and input; conduct collaborative problem solving on identified gaps; and share resources as needed to address priority areas of concern.



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, City staff are directed to work collaboratively with other local governments, health providers, businesses, nonprofits, K-12 and post-secondary education, the faith community, Public Health, Emergency Operations Center, congregate facilities, agriculture, tourism, and other stakeholder groups on participating in such a task force

Signed this 19th day of May, 2020

Mayor Anissa M. Welch

Attest:

Leanne Schroeder, City Clerk