

PROCLAMATION DECLARING STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Stillwater Medical Center (SMC) is a 117-bed acute care hospital serving patients in a six-county area of north central Oklahoma that includes serving patients of the City of Stillwater, Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, SMC is the primary emergency department serving residents and visitors of the City of Stillwater, Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, SMC currently does not have any staffed Intensive Care Unit (ICU) or medical beds available; and

WHEREAS, over the past week, SMC has averaged more than 6 patients holding in the emergency department for available staffed ICU or medical beds; and

WHEREAS, SMC is currently experiencing a high number of patients and a large number of emergency room patients requiring inpatient care; and

WHEREAS, SMC reports that its emergency department has gone to “diversion” status frequently over the past week which is a temporary countermeasure that hospitals activate to minimize the number of patients that may arrive while they are experiencing an unusually high number of patients; and

WHEREAS, the City of Stillwater regularly hosts events and activities which have the potential to attract an influx of 40,000 or more visitors to the City of Stillwater; and

WHEREAS, the City of Stillwater Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) reports a likelihood of serious medical events that will require transport to the SMC emergency department during upcoming events and activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE STILLWATER CITY CODE AND STATE LAW, I, WILLIAM H. JOYCE, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF STILLWATER, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM AND DECLARE:

SECTION ONE: A state of emergency exists within the corporate limits of the City of Stillwater, Payne County, Oklahoma.

SECTION TWO: Residents and visitors of the City of Stillwater are hereby advised that should you require medical attention from SMC there may be limited patient resources due to the current situation at SMC, including that there may be a temporary “diversion” status in place that may result in diverting patients to other hospitals including out-of-state hospitals.

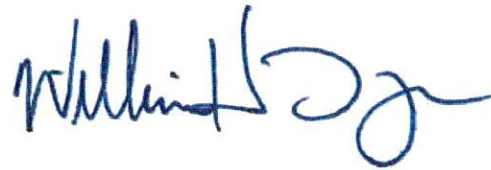
SECTION THREE: Pursuant to Resolution No. CC 2021-24, the City Council strongly encourages Stillwater residents to follow the most recent CDC guidance which includes a recommendation for everyone to wear a mask in public indoor settings in areas of substantial or high transmission, even if they are fully vaccinated. The City Council strongly encourages all Stillwater residents age 12 and

up to be vaccinated and to address any concerns about vaccines to a trusted health professional.

SECTION FOUR: This proclamation shall become effective on Friday, September 3, 2021 at 8:00 AM CDST.

SECTION FIVE: This state of emergency shall continue until 12:00 AM CDST on Monday, September 20, 2021 unless terminated earlier by further proclamation.

PROCLAIMED THIS 2nd DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2021



WILLIAM H. JOYCE, MAYOR



ATTEST:



TERESA KADAVY, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY THIS 2nd DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2021



KIMBERLY CARNLEY, INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY