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Press Release from the Mayors of Hazen and Beulah Regarding COVID-19

First and foremost, the Health and Safety of our communities is our top priority. We want to be thoughtful and safety minded in this time of uncertainty. Based on the Federal Government and the state of North Dakota's declaration of Emergency, our cities are covered by their declaration and do not need to formally declare one ourselves.

We want our communities to band together like never before. We encourage community members to be local minded. Practice social distancing the smart, coal country way. Many of the businesses in our towns have taken steps to maintain social distancing while still providing services. Closing lobby areas, for instance, but keeping drive up windows open. As the Governor stated yesterday, "This is a time for innovation."

We want the grocery stores, restaurants, gas stations and all businesses to find ways to continue business with minimal differences, or disruptions. Promote takeout, promote in & out, and promote staying local. Use drive-up windows, use technology to pay bills and use minimal contact methods for normal commerce. We don't want to mandate, or regulate, your activities through the City Government. We want businesses to take charge and self-regulate. Discourage congregating at your locations as much as possible. The Cities are committed to providing services like water, sewer, garbage pickup and police and fire protection.

Thank you for your cooperation!

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