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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, a State of Public Health Emergency has been in effect in the City of Minden since March 23, 2020; and

WHEREAS, a State of Public Health Emergency still exists in the City of Minden; and

WHEREAS, beginning June 1, 2020, the City of Minden will be without a City Attorney; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-16 of the City's Code of Ordinance requires that the City Council appoint a City Attorney; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has failed to appoint a new City Attorney due to its inability to meet for want of a quorum; and

WHEREAS, a City Attorney is necessary to provide for the continued operation of municipal government; and

WHEREAS, it is a matter of the public's health, peace, and safety that the Mayor and City officials have legal counsel regarding COVID-19 and other issues that may arise; and

WHEREAS, strict compliance with Section 2-16 of the City's Code of Ordinance would prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action needed for the City of Minden to adequately cope with the present Public Health Emergency;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, Terry L. Gardner, Mayor for the City of Minden, pursuant to the authority granted under La. R.S. 29:737 et seq.,, do hereby suspend Section 2-16 of the City's Code of Ordinance during this State of Public Health Emergency, and do hereby appoint Jimmy W. Yocom Jr., Esq. to serve as City Attorney for the City of Minden, to advise on matters concerning COVID-19, public safety, and any other issue that may arise.

I hereunto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Minden, Louisiang, on this 21st day of May, 2020.

Terry L. Gardner Mayor

