

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING A PRE-EVENT LOCAL EMERGENCY FOR MASS GATHERING
ASSOCIATED WITH THE AMERICA'S 250TH & THEODORE ROOSEVELT PRESEIDENTIAL LIBRARY
GRAND OPENING**

CITY OF DICKINSON, NORTH DAKOTA

RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Chapter 37-17.1, the City of Dickinson Board of Commissioners is authorized to declare a local emergency when conditions exist or are reasonably anticipated that could threaten life, property, and public safety due to the scale, complexity, and resource demands of the event; and

WHEREAS, Stark County neighbors Billings County which is hosting and supporting a planned mass gathering associated with the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library, a designated America and Freedom 250 Signature event, which is expected to draw large numbers of attendees, dignitaries; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dickinson is expected to serve as a hub for lodging, dining, transportation, and daily activities for event attendees, resulting in a substantial temporary increase in population within city limits; and

WHEREAS, this increase in population is reasonably anticipated to result in increased demand for municipal services, including law enforcement, fire protection, emergency medical response, traffic control, public works operations, and overall public safety services; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated conditions may strain existing resources and require enhanced readiness, coordination, and the ability to rapidly deploy personnel and equipment to protect life, health, safety, and property within the City of Dickinson; and

WHEREAS, advance declaration of a local emergency will allow the City to proactively active emergency management authorities, ensure efficient coordination with local, state, tribal, and federal partners, maintain continuity of operations during the event period, ensure the protection of life, health safety, and property;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Dickinson, North Dakota Board of Commissioners:

1. A pre-event local emergency is hereby declared within the City of Dickinson, effective July 1st 2026, in anticipation of conditions associated with the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library Grand Opening and related events.
2. The Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) may be activated in whole or in part, and the Incident Command System (ICS) shall be utilized as appropriate to manage operations. The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) may be requested for activation as deemed necessary.
3. The Mayor, City Administrator, and designated public safety and public works officials are authorized to take all lawful and necessary actions to prepare for and respond to potential impacts, including:
 - a. Coordination and mutual aid with municipal, county, tribal, state, and federal agencies.

- b. Pre-position personnel, equipment, and emergency medical resources.
 - c. Issuance of public information safety messaging, and emergency warnings.
 - d. Emergency procurement of supplies and services in accordance with North Dakota law.
- 4. City officials are authorized to expend and obligate emergency funds necessary for preparedness and response actions related to this declaration, subject to ratification as required by law.
 - 5. The City Administrator or designee shall provide notice of this declaration to the Stark County Emergency Manager, the North Dakota Department of Emergency Services, and other appropriate agencies.
 - 6. This Declaration shall remain in effect until July 7th, 2026, at 0800 hours Mountain Time, unless sooner terminated by action of the City Commission in accordance with North Dakota Century Code Chapter 37-17.1.
 - 7. All actions taken under this declaration shall be in accordance with applicable state laws and provide the protections and immunities afforded under North Dakota Century Code Chapter 37-17.1.

ADOPTED by the City Commission of Dickinson, North Dakota, this 16th day of June, 2026.

City of Dickinson Mayor

City Administrator