



## Administration

To: City Commission

From: City Administrator Dustin Dassinger

Date: 6/11/26

Subject: Resolution – Resolution Declaring a Pre-Event Local Emergency for the America’s 250th Celebration and Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library Grand Opening

Commissioners,

The opening of the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library is a nationally significant event and has been designated as an America and Freedom 250 Signature Event. The celebration is expected to attract thousands of visitors, dignitaries, elected officials, media representatives, and support personnel from across the nation and internationally.

While the library itself is located in Medora, Dickinson is anticipated to serve as the primary regional support community due to its lodging capacity, restaurants, transportation infrastructure, healthcare facilities, retail services, and public amenities. As a result, the City expects a substantial temporary increase in population and activity levels throughout the event period.

This resolution is not a declaration that an emergency currently exists. Rather, it is a proactive preparedness measure authorized under North Dakota Century Code Chapter 37-17.1 that allows the City to establish the operational framework necessary to respond quickly and effectively should emergency conditions arise.

Approval of the resolution provides several important benefits:

- Enhanced Emergency Preparedness
- Improved Coordination with Partner Agencies
- Resource Readiness and Deployment
- Financial and Administrative Flexibility
- Public Safety and Continuity of Operations

The Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library opening represents one of the most significant events ever hosted in western North Dakota. The event presents an opportunity to showcase Dickinson, strengthen regional partnerships, and support economic activity throughout the area. Proactive planning and preparedness are essential to ensuring the event is conducted safely and successfully while minimizing impacts to local residents and businesses.



City Administration recommends approval of the resolution declaring a pre-event local emergency effective July 1, 2026, through July 7, 2026. Adoption of the resolution will provide the City with the legal authority, operational flexibility, and preparedness framework necessary to effectively support the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library Grand Opening and associated America's 250th events while protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the community.

City Administration recommends approval.

Thank You,



Dustin Dassinger

City Administrator

