

State of Minnesota
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SPECIAL SESSION

H. C. No. 1

- 1.1 A House concurrent resolution
- 1.2 relating to Minnesota's peacetime emergency; terminating the peacetime emergency
- 1.3 pursuant to the authority granted under Minnesota Statutes, section 12.31, subdivision
- 1.4 2, paragraph (b).
- 1.5 WHEREAS, Governor Walz signed Executive Order 20-01, a declaration of a peacetime
- 1.6 emergency on March 13, 2020; and
- 1.7 WHEREAS, the Executive Council of the State extended that peacetime emergency for up
- 1.8 to 30 days, on March 16, 2020; and
- 1.9 WHEREAS, on May 13, 2020, by Executive Order 20-53, Governor Walz extended the
- 1.10 peacetime public emergency declared under Executive Order 20-01 and extended in Executive
- 1.11 Order 20-35, until June 12, 2020; and
- 1.12 WHEREAS, on June 10, 2020, Governor Walz announced that the peacetime emergency
- 1.13 would be extended an additional 30 days; and
- 1.14 WHEREAS, the Legislature has appropriated \$519,120,000 to help hospitals, clinics, medical
- 1.15 professionals, first responders, and all Minnesotans with the response to the infectious disease
- 1.16 known as COVID-19; and
- 1.17 WHEREAS, the Governor's intentions in declaring a peacetime emergency were honorable,
- 1.18 aiming to save lives and slow the spread of the infectious disease known as COVID-19; and
- 1.19 WHEREAS, the continuation of the executive orders creating a peacetime emergency has
- 1.20 potentially adverse and avoidable consequences for the people of Minnesota; and
- 1.21 WHEREAS, the executive orders will continue to result in the suspension of business activities,
- 1.22 the loss of hundreds of thousands of jobs, and a significant disruption to the state's economic life;
- 1.23 and

2.1 WHEREAS, the impact of continuing the Governor's executive orders extends beyond the
2.2 economy to the social well-being of Minnesotans, increasing social isolation and the possibility of
2.3 increased mental health complications, suicide, drug and alcohol abuse, domestic abuse, and marital
2.4 dissolution; and

2.5 WHEREAS, the Governor's executive orders are well-intended but potentially harmful to
2.6 Minnesotans, arbitrary in their impact, and unlawful in their effects; and

2.7 WHEREAS, the House and Senate shall review all executive orders issued during the
2.8 peacetime emergency and consider legislation to manage an orderly transition from the peacetime
2.9 state of emergency to reestablish freedom of movement and unrestricted commerce in the state of
2.10 Minnesota; NOW, THEREFORE,

2.11 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the State of Minnesota, the Senate
2.12 concurring, that the legislature exercises its authority under Minnesota Statutes, section 12.31,
2.13 subdivision 2, paragraph (b), terminating the COVID-19 peacetime emergency declared by Governor
2.14 Walz.

2.15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives is
2.16 directed to prepare a copy of this resolution, to be authenticated by his signature and those of the
2.17 Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chair of the Senate Rules and Administration
2.18 Committee, and the Secretary of the Senate, and transmit it to the Governor of the State of Minnesota.