

This Document can be made available  
in alternative formats upon request

State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FIRST SESSION

H. C. No. **8**

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, the Legislature has appropriated \$519,120,000 to help hospitals, clinics, medical

1.10 professionals, first responders, and all Minnesotans with the response to the infectious disease

1.11 known as COVID-19; and

1.12 WHEREAS, the governor's intentions in declaring a peacetime emergency were honorable,

1.13 aiming to save lives and slow the spread of the infectious disease known as COVID-19; and

1.14 WHEREAS, a good policy may go on too long, and a wise decision at one time may become

1.15 a burden at another; and

1.16 WHEREAS, the continuation of the executive orders creating a peacetime emergency has a

1.17 huge, terrible, and persistent effect on the people of Minnesota; and

1.18 WHEREAS, the executive orders will continue to result in the suspension of business activities,

1.19 the loss of hundreds of thousands of jobs, and a significant disruption to the state's economic life;

1.20 and

1.21 WHEREAS, the unnecessary continuation of the governor's executive orders risks a deep

1.22 and lasting recession; and

2.1 WHEREAS, state revenues to the general fund are falling, raising the dark harbinger of  
2.2 budget reductions, and the attendant harm to Minnesota schools, roads, law enforcement, and public  
2.3 services; and

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

2.8 WHEREAS, the governor's executive orders are well-intended but harmful to Minnesotans,  
2.9 arbitrary in their impact, unlawful in their effects, and misguided in their application; NOW,  
2.10 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 peacetime emergency declared under Executive Order  
2.14 20-01.

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