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MESSAGE FROM THE CITY OF FORTUNA CITY MANAGER & POLICE CHIEF

As our country and community continue to be tested in ways that we have not seen in our lifetimes, it is important that we reflect on what the things are that we can control, including how we respond to challenges and how we treat each other. As a community we can always do better. Racism and discrimination have no place in our community. There will be lessons learned from the senseless killing of George Floyd and concern over implicit biases by our nation's police. There is no doubt that our city will learn from these events, and implement ways to ensure everyone is treated equally and with respect. We are proud of our police department and know this is a priority for them as well. Our police complete trainings in cultural diversity, anti-discrimination, conflict de-escalation and resolution, and we have accountability measures in place to assure that our police department conducts their work in a fair and respectful way. Body-worn cameras to capture calls for service are activated at the beginning of each encounter with the public. Body-worn camera recordings can be used to review how the department handles calls for assistance and how our officers conduct themselves. We recognize that there is always more that can be done, and as a city we will find ways to prevent the type of incident that occurred in Minneapolis.

I am proud to see how our citizens, local leaders and law enforcement are standing up for justice and equality, and the City of Fortuna supports them in their efforts. We are committed to protecting and serving our community and continuing to earn their trust.

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