PROCLAMATION OF A COUNTY EMERGENCY DUE TO EXTREME WINTER WEATHER AND UNPLANNED STAFFING SHORTAGES AND TEMPORARY CLOSING OF THE DAY BY DAY WARMING SHELTER

WHEREAS, the Day by Day Warming Shelter is a non-profit organization located in the City of Oshkosh ("City") and is one of the primary organizations that provides temporary shelter for vulnerable adults within the City and Winnebago County ("County"); and

WHEREAS, due to unplanned staffing shortages, the Day by Day Warming Shelter will close from December 21, 2022 thru January 8, 2023 and will not provide any sheltering services during this time; and

WHEREAS, during this period, there is severe weather expected within the City and County with the National Weather Service reporting anticipated blizzard conditions and temperatures dropping below zero; and

WHEREAS, there is no known immediate alternative emergency housing available within the City or County during this period; and

WHEREAS, the immediate and unplanned closing of the Day by Day Warming Shelter in conjunction with the severe weather conditions threatens and negatively impacts the life, health, and safety of citizens of the City and County; and

WHEREAS, Winnebago County in cooperation with the City of Oshkosh desires to take action to protect its vulnerable citizens during this temporary period; and

WHEREAS, the potential for disaster exists which requires extraordinary measures to protect the health and well-being of the people of Winnebago County and the City of Oshkosh; and

WHEREAS, declaring an emergency will facilitate and expedite the use of resources to protect vulnerable persons from the impact of the closing of the Day by Day Warming Shelter during extreme weather conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED by the Winnebago County Executive pursuant to Wis. Stat §323.11 and §323.14(4)(b) that an imminent threat of a disaster exists in Winnebago County because of the extreme winter weather and the temporary closing of the Day by Day Warming Shelter.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED, by the Winnebago County Executive in response to the temporary closing of the Day by Day Warming Shelter and the impending weather conditions, a State of Emergency is declared. During the existence of said emergency, support services for an emergency shelter established by Winnebago County will be available for those community members in need of shelter through January 10, 2023 or as may be extended by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED by the Winnebago County Executive that during the existence of said emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the Office of Emergency Management for Winnebago County shall be those prescribed by State law, and by ordinances and resolutions of the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors, as previously approved by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED by the Winnebago County Executive, acting under the powers granted pursuant to §323.14(4)(b), Wis. Stats, that for and on behalf of the residents of Winnebago County, he will do

whatever is necessary and expedient to protect the health and well-being of Winnebago County, including the issuance of Administrative Orders and other directives as may be required.