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STATEMENT FROM WAUKESHA COUNTY EXECUTIVE PAUL FARROW AFTER WISCONSIN SUPREME COURT STRIKES DOWN "SAFER AT HOME" ORDER EXTENSION

(WAUKESHA, WI) - Waukesha County Executive Paul Farrow made the following statement after the Wisconsin Supreme Court strikes down the "Safer at Home" order extension on May 13, 2020.

"The health and safety of the public is my top priority. We have already seen essential businesses take extraordinary steps to continue to provide service while keeping their employees and members of the public safe, and there's no reason why other businesses can't do the same.

"In light of the Wisconsin Supreme Court ruling, many businesses that have been closed will choose to open their doors tomorrow, and many others will choose to expand their operations. We trust our businesses will do so responsibly. All Waukesha County businesses should continue to follow CDC guidelines for social distancing and cleaning and disinfecting whenever possible. They should also consider the guidelines provided by the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation and consult with their respective trade or business organizations to identify industry best practices to safely welcome back employees and customers.

"Waukesha County continues to have an active and aggressive response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The County's Public Health Division, Emergency Operations Center, and other departments and divisions are working to keep residents as safe as possible while allowing our economy to recover from the effects of COVID-19.

"Know that we continue take the health of our community seriously and will continue with the following:

- Tracking active cases of COVID-19 (www.waukeshacounty.gov/COVID19)
- Increasing the number of contact tracers and contact tracing teams to mitigate disease spread
- Working closely with hospital CEOs and the state to ensure continued adequate testing capacity

"The county-supported economic development organization, Waukesha County Center for Growth, will continue to assist businesses by providing information on state and federal funding and programing available to help them recover from the effects of COVID-19. Businesses may contact the Center for Growth at 262-542-4249 or at www.waukeshagrowth.org.

"While there is no longer a "Safer at Home" order, there is still COVID-19 in our community. Be smart, be vigilant, and stay safe."

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