

Dear Fellow Citizens,

I hope this message finds you safe and healthy. We find ourselves in difficult circumstances due to the COVID-19 virus that continues to threaten our community and our nation. It has interrupted our daily lives and impacted our economy. It's times like this that we see the American spirit shine through brighter than ever as we read about business and industry changing their normal manufacturing processes to meet the needs of the nation. It's that same spirit that will see us through this difficult time. I am confident that in time this virus will start its decline and at some point, we will be able to return to our normal daily lives. Some of us will have had a greater impact on their lives than others. It is my hope that we will all continue to support and help one another as we recover and rebuild our communities and our nation.

Please be reassured that your Commissioners have not been idle during this time of uncertainty. We have been briefed hourly each day and have been in contact with our leaders in Washington DC and kept abreast of the latest developments. We receive guidance from Federal, State and local organizations to guide us on the difficult decisions we must make. When the time is right, we will make the correct decisions for the recovery phase. In the meantime, please take the responsibility upon yourselves to respect the social distancing, stay at home directive and travel guidelines we have been given. Currently, this is the only way we have to slow the spread of this virus. I saw a post last night as maybe some of you did. It pictured a Scottish man in a kilt playing the bagpipes in an open field. The caption read *"Playing the bagpipes, a new social distancing tool"* It's great to see even in times of great adversity we can still find humor to ease our anxiety.

I pray daily for relief around the world, for our Nation, our communities and our families. I pray for the families that have been impacted because of illness or the loss of loved ones.

I urge everyone to be kind, respectful and show compassion for your neighbor. Help in any way you can and remain united as we see our way through this difficult time.

Please feel free to reach out to me via email or phone. My contact information is.

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