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****PRESS RELEASE****

Date: March 26, 2020
To: Price County News Agencies
From: Nicholas Trimner, County Administrator
Re: Nonresident Property Owners

Dear Price County Nonresident Property Owners:

Due to the current global pandemic, we see unprecedented actions taking place to protect the health and safety of the public. Price County has and will continue to follow all Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and WI Department of Health Services (DHS) recommendations as much as possible. Even so, the stress of the situation is being felt by all.

Governor Tony Ever's Emergency Order #12 Safer at Home Order includes the provision that individuals should stay at home or place of residence and only leave their homes or residences for "essential travel". It is understandable that seasonal nonresidents of Price County may decide to come to their cabins or second homes here to distance themselves from the more populated areas that have experienced positive COVID-19 tests. It is also understandable that local year-round residents may have concern that these individuals may be carriers and bring the virus with them to Price County.

We all have loved ones who may be considered high-risk and we know that concern is something we are all experiencing. That is why understanding and compassion are so important, now more than ever. **With that being said, we respectfully request that individuals considering travel to their seasonal residence in Price County proceed with caution and consider the repercussions of your actions.** If you decide to deny the Governor's Emergency Order and come to Price County, please self-quarantine and monitor yourself for virus symptoms for 14 days after your arrival before interacting with the public. The precautions you take, could be lifesaving.

If you still choose to travel to your second home or cabin, we ask that you bring supplies with you as we too are experiencing high demands on essential items. Our grocery stores are seeing an influx of purchases just like stores in your hometowns. Also be aware that our healthcare facilities are much smaller and will reach capacity just as quickly as they will in larger cities.

Be kind to one another and take the time to see things from your neighbor's perspective; whether that neighbor is here year-round or seasonally. By staying informed with correct information, we will all be better equipped to make sound, rational decisions and treat everyone with dignity and respect. Please visit the Price County website at www.co.price.wi.us for links to the most current pandemic information from the CDC and WI DHS.

We appreciate our seasonal nonresidents and their contributions to Price County. We all enjoy what Price County has to offer including the friendly and welcoming atmosphere from our businesses and residents. We expect nothing less of Price County even in this time of uncertainty and fear. We all look forward to the time when these travel restrictions will be over, and we will all have the ability to enjoy the beauty, peace and tranquility of summer and fall in Northern Wisconsin.

Stay Safe!

Nicholas Trimner
County Administrator