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## **Press Release**

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## For Immediate Release

The City of Howell was recently made aware that while the planned protests have been either canceled or delayed, the potential for gatherings in the area by various organizations is likely to take place this Thursday, June 4, 2020 starting around 10 am. Because of the national issues related to these events, recent Social Media threats to specific Government Buildings, and through an abundance of caution several City and County facilities will be closed on Thursday June 4, 2020.

As another precaution and in order to help the various Law Enforcement Agencies maintain safety, we would ask that businesses throughout the area consider altering their hours or close for the day. Additionally, we would ask that residents of our wonderful community who do not plan on attending any of these gathering stay away from areas during the periods of time these gatherings take place. Currently this includes the area of the County Courthouse located at State Street and Grand River Ave starting around 10 am. This will help Law Enforcement monitor any crowds that may gather and maintain those gatherings as peaceful events.

Lastly, the Howell Police Department along with other County, State and Federal agencies have been working together to ensure the safety of our community and those who wish to conduct peaceful protests. It is our number one mission to ensure the safety of the public, our community and those who wish to peacefully protest. With your help we can make sure any gatherings that potentially occur are done safely and without incident.