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## CLOVIS - MAYOR MORRIS SWORN INTO OFFICE, ASKS FOR PUBLIC SUPPORT TO HELP PROTECT COMMUNITY, AND TO FLY NATION'S FLAG AS SYMBOL OF UNITY IN FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19

Clovis Mayor Michael Morris was sworn in as Clovis' mayor Monday afternoon at Clovis City Hall while practicing social distancing with only five in attendance, and Clovis area residents watching the event which was live streamed on Facebook. District Judge Matthew Chandler officiated over the Oath of Office, as Mayor Morris' wife, Sarah held the Bible. Former Mayor David Lansford congratulated Mayor Morris and presented him with a gavel. Following the swearing in ceremony, Mayor Morris stated:

I would like to thank the community for their support and confidence by electing me as Clovis' mayor. It is a privilege to serve you, and I look forward to working together to address the needs of our community.

Right now, the City of Clovis is continuing to provide essential services, and address area needs related to the COVID-19 pandemic. City of Clovis employee's emergency responders and public works employees particularly stand ready to address community needs, and I would like to thank them, and all City of Clovis employees for all their hard work. The City is adhering to federal and state directives, and making necessary adjustments as needed. I am asking area residents to be good neighbors and do their part in protecting the community by continuing to practice social distancing, regular hand washing, and self-care through exercise and healthy eating.

These are new and challenging times. Clovis is a strong and resilient community, and we will face these challenges together. Our flag is our nation's symbol of that resiliency, standing for courage, unity, freedom, hope and the American spirit, whether in times of adversity or celebration. As our nation continues to face this invisible threat over the coming days, and as a symbol of solidarity and support, not only for our neighbors and community, but our nation as a whole, I can think of no better way to show our solidarity and support but to fly the American flag. Throughout the month of April I invite area residents to join me in flying our nation's flag.

For more information, please contact City Administration at 575-769-7828 or email Mayor Morris at <u>mmoris@cityofclovis.org</u>.