



**VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY  
DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, Florida Statute 252.38(3), provides authority to political subdivisions, to declare and enact State of Local Emergency for up to seven (7) days, thereby waiving procedures which should otherwise be required of the political subdivision by State or local law; and

**WHEREAS**, A State of Emergency was declared by Governor Ron DeSantis of the State of Florida, Executive Order No. 20-52 (Exhibit "A") on March 9, 2020, and Miami-Dade County executed a Declaration of Local State of Emergency on March 12, 2020 (Exhibit "B") and on March 19, 2020 and on March 25, 2020 and April 1, 2020 this Declaration was extended following the discovery of the dangerous and highly contagious COVID-19 Virus; and

**WHEREAS**, as of April 1, 2020, there are more than 6,900 cases of COVID-19/novel Coronavirus in Florida, including over 2,200 in Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, responding to the threat posed by COVID-19/novel Coronavirus may require considerable and immediate action by the Village in order to protect the health and welfare of its' residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Palmetto Bay is extending its Declaration of a State of Emergency pursuant to Florida Statutes Section 252.38, and pursuant to Section 14-80 of the Village's Code of Ordinances titled Certification of Emergency Conditions, allowing the Interim Village Manager, Gregory H. Truitt to take any action to purchase or enter in agreements necessary for the welfare of the Village of Palmetto Bay; and

**WHEREAS**, the Interim Village Manager shall adopt orders issued by the State of Florida and Miami-Dade County emergency management agencies. This State of Emergency shall continue in full effect for the next seven (7) days and this Order may be extended in increments of seven (7) days as necessary.

**PURSUANT TO THIS DECLARATION**, further orders may be issued to protect the health, safety, welfare, property, and public infrastructure, and provide such emergency assistance deemed necessary.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, we have hereunto set our hand and caused the seal of the Village of Palmetto Bay to be affixed this 4/1/2020 day of March 2020 at 5:49 a.m./p.m. (EST).

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*Gregory H. Truitt*  
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Gregory H. Truitt, Village Manager

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*Karyn Cunningham*  
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Karyn Cunningham, Mayor



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*Melissa Dodge*  
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Melissa Dodge, Acting Village Clerk

Seal:

# STATE OF FLORIDA

## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

### EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 20-52

(Emergency Management - COVID-19 Public Health Emergency)

**WHEREAS**, Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a severe acute respiratory illness that can spread among humans through respiratory transmission and presents with symptoms similar to those of influenza; and

**WHEREAS**, in late 2019, a new and significant outbreak of COVID-19 emerged in China; and

**WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization previously declared COVID-19 a Public Health Emergency of International Concern; and

**WHEREAS**, in response to the recent COVID-19 outbreak in China, Iran, Italy, Japan and South Korea, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") has deemed it necessary to prohibit or restrict non-essential travel to or from those countries; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 1, 2020, I issued Executive Order number 20-51 directing the Florida Department of Health to issue a Public Health Emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 1, 2020, the State Surgeon General and State Health Officer declared a Public Health Emergency exists in the State of Florida as a result of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 7, 2020, I directed the Director of the Division of Emergency Management to activate the State Emergency Operations Center to Level 2 to provide coordination and response to the COVID-19 emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, as of March 9, 2020, eight counties in Florida have positive cases for COVID-19, and COVID-19 poses a risk to the entire state of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, the CDC currently recommends community preparedness and everyday prevention measures be taken by all individuals and families in the United States, including voluntary home isolation when individuals are sick with respiratory symptoms, covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue and disposal of the tissue immediately thereafter, washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, using of alcohol-based hand sanitizers with 60%-95% alcohol if soap and water are not readily available and routinely cleaning frequently touched surfaces and objects to increase community resilience and readiness for responding to an outbreak; and

**WHEREAS**, the CDC currently recommends mitigation measures for communities experiencing an outbreak including staying at home when sick, keeping away from others who are sick, limiting face-to-face contact with others as much as possible, consulting with your healthcare provider if individuals or members of a household are at high risk for COVID-19 complications, wearing a facemask if advised to do so by a healthcare provider or by a public health official, staying home when a household member is sick with respiratory disease symptoms if instructed to do so by public health officials or a health care provider; and

**WHEREAS**, as Governor, I am responsible for meeting the dangers presented to this state and its people by this emergency.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS**, as Governor of Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article IV, Section (1)(a) of the Florida Constitution, Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, and all other applicable laws, promulgate the following Executive Order to take immediate effect:

Section 1. Because of the foregoing conditions, I declare a state of emergency exists in the State of Florida.

Section 2. I designate the Director of the Division of Emergency Management (“Director”) as the State Coordinating Officer for the duration of this emergency and direct him to execute the State’s Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and other response, recovery, and mitigation plans necessary to cope with the emergency. Additionally, I designate the State Health Officer and Surgeon General as a Deputy State Coordinating Officer and State Incident Commander.

Pursuant to section 252.36(1)(a), Florida Statutes, I delegate to the State Coordinating Officer the authority to exercise those powers delineated in sections 252.36(5)-(10), Florida Statutes, which he shall exercise as needed to meet this emergency, subject to the limitations of section 252.33, Florida Statutes. In exercising the powers delegated by this Order, the State Coordinating Officer shall confer with the Governor to the fullest extent practicable. The State Coordinating Officer shall also have the authority to:

A. Seek direct assistance and enter into agreements with any and all agencies of the United States Government as may be needed to meet the emergency.

B. Designate additional Deputy State Coordinating Officers, as necessary.

C. Suspend the effect of any statute, rule, or order that would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay any mitigation, response, or recovery action necessary to cope with this emergency.

D. Enter orders as may be needed to implement any of the foregoing powers; however, the requirements of sections 252.46 and 120.54(4), Florida Statutes, do not apply to any such orders issued by the State Coordinating Officer; however, no such order shall remain in effect beyond the expiration of this Executive Order, to include any extension.

Section 3. I order the Adjutant General to activate the Florida National Guard, as needed, to deal with this emergency.

Section 4. I find that the special duties and responsibilities resting upon some State, regional, and local agencies and other governmental bodies in responding to the emergency may require them to suspend the application of the statutes, rules, ordinances, and orders they administer. Therefore, I issue the following authorizations:

A. Pursuant to section 252.36(1)(a), Florida Statutes, the Executive Office of the Governor may suspend all statutes and rules affecting budgeting to the extent necessary to provide budget authority for state agencies to cope with this emergency. The requirements of sections 252.46 and 120.54(4), Florida Statutes, do not apply to any such suspension issued by the Executive Office of the Governor; however, no such suspension shall remain in effect beyond the expiration of this Executive Order, to include any extension.

B. Each State agency may suspend the provisions of any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for conduct of state business or the orders or rules of that agency, if strict compliance with the provisions of any such statute, order, or rule would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency. This includes, but is not limited to, the authority to suspend any and all statutes, rules, ordinances, or orders which affect leasing, printing, purchasing, travel, and the condition of employment and the compensation of employees. For the purposes of this Executive Order, "necessary action in coping with the emergency" means any emergency mitigation, response, or recovery action: (1) prescribed in the State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan ("CEMP"); or (2) ordered by the State Coordinating Officer. The requirements of sections 252.46 and 120.54, Florida Statutes, shall not apply to any such suspension issued by a State agency; however, no such suspension shall remain in effect beyond the expiration of this Executive Order, to include any extensions.

C. In accordance with section 465.0275, Florida Statutes, pharmacists may dispense up to a 30-day emergency prescription refill of maintenance medication to persons who reside in an area or county covered under this Executive Order and to emergency personnel who have been activated by their state and local agency but who do not reside in an area or county covered by this Executive Order.

D. In accordance with section 252.38, Florida Statutes, each political subdivision within the State of Florida may waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required of the political subdivision by law pertaining to:

- 1) Performance of public work and taking whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community;
- 2) Entering into contracts; however, political subdivisions are cautioned against entering into time and materials contracts without ceiling as defined by 2 CFR 200.318(j) or cost plus percentage contracts as defined by 2 CFR 200.323(d);
- 3) Incurring obligations;
- 4) Employment of permanent and temporary workers;
- 5) Utilization of volunteer workers;
- 6) Rental of equipment;
- 7) Acquisition and distribution, with or without compensation, of supplies, materials, and facilities; and,
- 8) Appropriation and expenditure of public funds.

E. All State agencies responsible for the use of State buildings and facilities may close such buildings and facilities in those portions of the State affected by this emergency, to the extent necessary to meet this emergency. I direct each State agency to report the closure of any State

building or facility to the Secretary of the Department of Management Services. Under the authority contained in section 252.36, Florida Statutes, I direct each County to report the closure of any building or facility operated or maintained by the County or any political subdivision therein to the Secretary of the Department of Management Services. Furthermore, I direct the Secretary of the Department of Management Services to:

- 1) Maintain an accurate and up-to-date list of all such closures; and,
- 2) Provide that list daily to the State Coordinating Officer.

Section 5. I find that the demands placed upon the funds appropriated to the agencies of the State of Florida and to local agencies are unreasonably great and the funds currently available may be inadequate to pay the costs of coping with this emergency. In accordance with section 252.37(2), Florida Statutes, I direct that sufficient funds be made available, as needed, by transferring and expending moneys appropriated for other purposes, moneys from unappropriated surplus funds, or from the Budget Stabilization Fund.

Section 6. All State agencies entering emergency final orders or other final actions in response to this emergency shall advise the State Coordinating Officer contemporaneously or as soon as practicable.

Section 7. Medical professionals and workers, social workers, and counselors with good and valid professional licenses issued by states other than the State of Florida may render such services in Florida during this emergency for persons affected by this emergency with the condition that such services be rendered to such persons free of charge, and with the further condition that such services be rendered under the auspices of the American Red Cross or the Florida Department of Health.

Section 8. All activities taken by the Director of the Division of Emergency Management and the State Health Officer and Surgeon General with respect to this emergency before the issuance of this Executive Order are ratified. This Executive Order shall expire sixty days from this date unless extended.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed, at Tallahassee, this 9th day of March, 2020.

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RON DESANTIS, GOVERNOR

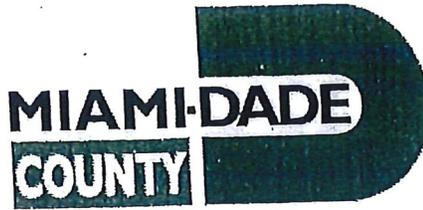
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SECRETARY OF STATE

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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Section 252.38(3)(a), Florida Statutes, gives authority to political subdivisions to declare and enact a State of Local Emergency for a period of up to seven (7) days, thereby waiving the procedures and formalities otherwise required of the political subdivision by law; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2020, the Governor of Florida issued Executive Order Number 20-51 directing the State Health Officer and Surgeon General to declare a Public Health Emergency due to the discovery of COVID-19/novel Coronavirus in Florida; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, the Governor of Florida issued Executive Order Number 20-52, declaring a State of Emergency for the state of Florida related to COVID-19/novel Coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19/novel Coronavirus poses a health risk to Miami-Dade County residents, particularly elderly residents; and

WHEREAS, responding to the threat posed by COVID-19/novel Coronavirus may require extraordinary and immediate actions by Miami-Dade County in order to protect the public health, safety, and welfare,

THEREFORE, as County Mayor of Miami-Dade County, I hereby declare a State of Local Emergency, effective as of 9:00 AM March 12, 2020, that will continue for seven (7) days thereafter or if cancelled before that period of time. This Local State of Emergency includes all of Miami-Dade County.

Pursuant to this Declaration, further orders may be issued to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the community. Such orders may include, but are not limited to, orders related to the items listed in 1.a-p attached. The Deputy Mayors, through the Director of the Office of Emergency Management, are hereby ordered to take whatever prudent actions are necessary to effectuate such orders and to otherwise protect the health, safety, and welfare of the community.

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Signed: [Signature]  
COUNTY MAYOR

Date: 3/11/2020 Time: 22:30

Witness: [Signature]

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HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK OF COURT, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Miami-Dade County Declaration of Local State of Emergency

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

**COUNTY MAYOR**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

**Action Options for State of Local Emergency**

1. Executive Orders of the Mayor to include:
  - a) Employee Recall order: An order recalling Miami-Dade County employees from vacation, canceling days off, and mobilizing all personnel required for disaster response;
  - b) Authorizing the Internal Services Department to suspend normal leasing and bid procedures to procure space, structures or other items under their normal authority for disaster response determined necessary by the Director;
  - c) Authorizing procurement of supplies, equipment, and services without formal bidding procedures;
  - d) Evacuation Order: A mandatory order(s) directing the evacuation of appropriate area(s) of the County deemed to be in imminent danger from disaster;
  - e) Curfew: In the period before, or during and immediately after an event, an order imposing a general curfew applicable to the County as a whole, or to geographical area(s) of the County and during hours the Mayor deems necessary, and from time to time, to modify the hours the curfew will be in effect and what area(s) it applies to;
  - f) An order requiring any and all commercial establishments located in area(s) of imminent or actual danger to close and remain closed until further order;
  - g) An order requiring the closure of any or all bars, taverns, liquor stores, and other business establishments where alcoholic beverages are predominantly sold or otherwise dispensed; provided that with respect to those business establishments which are not primarily devoted to the sales of alcoholic beverages, and in which such alcoholic beverages may be removed or made secure from seizure by the public, the portions thereof utilized for the sale of items other than alcoholic beverages may, at the discretion of the Mayor, be allowed to remain open;
  - h) An order requiring the discontinuance of the sale, distribution or giving away of alcoholic beverages in any or all parts of Miami-Dade County;
  - i) An order requiring the discontinuance of the sale, distribution or giving away of gasoline or other liquid flammable or combustible products in any container other than a gasoline tank properly attached to a gas powered vehicle;

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- j) Intentionally Omitted;
- k) An order closing to the public any or all public places including streets, alleys, public ways, schools, parks, beaches, amusement areas and public buildings;
- l) In addition to the provisions of Chapter 8A-5 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, orders to prevent price gouging for any essential commodity, dwelling unit, or storage facility;
- m) Orders requesting the conservation of water supplies;
- n) Such other orders as are immediately necessary for the protection of life and property; provided, however, that any such orders shall, at the earliest practicable time, be presented to the Board for ratification or confirmation in accordance with chapter 8B.
- o) The Mayor shall cause any proclamation ordered by the Mayor or the Board pursuant to the authority in this chapter to be delivered to all news media within the County, and shall utilize whatever available means to give public notice of such proclamation.
- p) The Mayor is hereby authorized to cancel any or all meetings of Miami-Dade County boards, authorities, agencies, instrumentalities and councils.

STATE OF FLORIDA, COUNTY OF MIAMI-DADE  
I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the  
original on file in this office. March 12 AD 2020  
HARVEY RUVIN, Clerk of Circuit and County Courts  
Deputy Clerk Jandra Siman  
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**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDER EXTENDING  
DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, Section 252.38(3)(a), Florida Statutes, gives authority to political subdivisions to declare and enact a State of Local Emergency for a period of up to seven (7) days, thereby waiving the procedures and formalities otherwise required of the political subdivision by law; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2020, the Governor of Florida issued Executive Order Number 20-51 directing the State Health Officer and Surgeon General to declare a Public Health Emergency due to the discovery of COVID-19/novel Coronavirus in Florida; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, the Governor of Florida issued Executive Order Number 20-52, declaring a State of Emergency for the state of Florida related to COVID-19/novel Coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, because COVID-19/novel Coronavirus posed a public health, safety and welfare risk to Miami-Dade County residents, on March 12, 2020, I declared a local state of emergency to respond to the threat posed by the Covid-19/Novel Coronavirus, and to provide for emergency measures to respond to the threat of Covid-19/novel Coronavirus remain; and

WHEREAS, as of March 18, 2020, there are more than 300 cases of Covid-19/novel Coronavirus in Florida, including over 70 in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, responding to the threat posed by COVID-19/novel Coronavirus continues to require extraordinary and immediate actions by Miami-Dade County in order to protect the public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, section 252.38(3)(a), Florida Statutes and Chapter 8B of the Code of Miami-Dade County authorize the Mayor to extend the Local State of Emergency.

THEREFORE, as County Mayor of Miami-Dade County, I hereby extend the Declaration of a State of Local Emergency for an additional period commencing on March 19, 2020, that will continue in effect for seven (7) days if not cancelled before that period of time. This Local State of Emergency includes all of Miami-Dade County. Concurrent with this Declaration, I renew all existing Miami-Dade County Emergency Orders.

Miami-Dade County Declaration of Local State of Emergency

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COUNTY MAYOR

Date: 3/18/2020

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COUNTY MAYOR

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_



**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDER EXTENDING  
DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, Section 252.38(3)(a), Florida Statutes, gives authority to political subdivisions to declare and enact a State of Local Emergency for a period of up to seven (7) days, thereby waiving the procedures and formalities otherwise required of the political subdivision by law; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2020, the Governor of Florida issued Executive Order Number 20-51 directing the State Health Officer and Surgeon General to declare a Public Health Emergency due to the discovery of COVID-19/novel Coronavirus in Florida; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, the Governor of Florida issued Executive Order Number 20-52, declaring a State of Emergency for the state of Florida related to COVID-19/novel Coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, because COVID-19/novel Coronavirus posed a public health, safety and welfare risk to Miami-Dade County residents, on March 12, 2020, I declared a local state of emergency to respond to the threat posed by the Covid-19/Novel Coronavirus, and to provide for emergency measures to deal with Covid-19/novel Coronavirus remain; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the Declaration of State of Local Emergency was extended for an additional seven days; and

WHEREAS, as of March 24, 2020, there are more than 1,900 cases of Covid-19/novel Coronavirus in Florida, including over 490 in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, responding to the threat posed by COVID-19/novel Coronavirus continues to require extraordinary and immediate actions by Miami-Dade County in order to protect the public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, section 252.38(3)(a), Florida Statutes and Chapter 8B of the Code of Miami-Dade County authorizes the Mayor to extend the Local State of Emergency.

THEREFORE, as County Mayor of Miami-Dade County, I hereby extend the Declaration of a State of Local Emergency for an additional period commencing on March 26, 2020, that will continue in effect for seven (7) days if not cancelled before that period of time. This Local State of Emergency includes all of Miami-Dade County. Concurrent with this Declaration, I renew all existing Miami-Dade County Emergency Orders, including the authority to take the actions set forth in those Emergency Orders, for the duration of this Declaration.

Miami-Dade County Declaration of Local State of Emergency

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_



COUNTY MAYOR

Date: 3/25/2020

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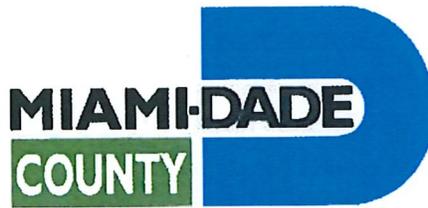
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COUNTY MAYOR

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_



**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDER EXTENDING  
DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, Section 252.38(3)(a), Florida Statutes, gives authority to political subdivisions to declare and enact a State of Local Emergency for a period of up to seven (7) days, thereby waiving the procedures and formalities otherwise required of the political subdivision by law; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2020, the Governor of Florida issued Executive Order Number 20-51 directing the State Health Officer and Surgeon General to declare a Public Health Emergency due to the discovery of COVID-19/novel Coronavirus in Florida; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, the Governor of Florida issued Executive Order Number 20-52, declaring a State of Emergency for the state of Florida related to COVID-19/novel Coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, because COVID-19/novel Coronavirus posed a public health, safety and welfare risk to Miami-Dade County residents, on March 12, 2020, I declared a local state of emergency to respond to the threat posed by the Covid-19/Novel Coronavirus, and to provide for emergency measures to deal with Covid-19/novel Coronavirus remain; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the Declaration of State of Local Emergency was extended for an additional seven days; and

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2020, the Declaration of State of Local Emergency was extended for an additional seven days; and

WHEREAS, as of March 31, 2020, there are more than 6,700 cases of Covid-19/novel Coronavirus in Florida, including over 1,900 in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, responding to the threat posed by COVID-19/novel Coronavirus continues to require extraordinary and immediate actions by Miami-Dade County in order to protect the public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, section 252.38(3)(a), Florida Statutes and Chapter 8B of the Code of Miami-Dade County authorizes the Mayor to extend the Local State of Emergency.

THEREFORE, as County Mayor of Miami-Dade County, I hereby extend the Declaration of a State of Local Emergency for an additional period commencing on April 2, 2020, that will continue in effect for seven (7) days if not cancelled before that period of time. This Local State of

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Emergency includes all of Miami-Dade County. Concurrent with this Declaration, I renew all existing Miami-Dade County Emergency Orders, including the authority to take the actions set forth in those Emergency Orders, for the duration of this Declaration.

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_



COUNTY MAYOR

Date: 4/1/2020 Time: 11:20

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY MAYOR

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_: \_\_

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