



1 WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida (the "Board") has  
2 adopted the Emergency Management Ordinance, No. 93-16, being codified in Chapter 2, Article VIII,  
3 of the Code of Laws of Leon County, Florida, providing authorization for the designation of a county  
4 official to declare a state of emergency where a quorum of the Board is unable to meet; and  
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6 WHEREAS, Section 252.38, Florida Statutes, provides authority for the waiver by the Board  
7 of procedures and formalities otherwise required of Leon County under the circumstance of a local  
8 State of Emergency; and  
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10 WHEREAS, there currently exists in Leon County the potential for a local disaster or  
11 emergency as defined in Leon County Ordinance No. 93-16, as codified in Chapter 2, Articles VIII, of  
12 the Code of Laws of Leon County, Florida; and  
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14 WHEREAS, there is a necessity for a prompt and efficient response in order to safeguard lives  
15 and continue the provision of services during the local public health emergency and/or disaster; and  
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17 WHEREAS, a declaration of a local emergency, due to a public health emergency, includes  
18 the ability to reduce the possibility of exposure to disease, control the risk, promote health, compel  
19 persons to undergo additional health measures that prevent or control the spread of the disease,  
20 including social distancing, isolation, surveillance, quarantine, or placement of persons under public  
21 health observation; and  
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23 NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT to the authority conferred by Chapter 252, Florida Statutes,  
24 and Leon County Ordinance Number 93-16, as codified in Chapter 2, Article VIII of the Code of Laws  
25 of Leon County, Florida, as Chairman of the Leon County Board of County Commissioners, and  
26 pursuant to Section 2-306 of the Code of Laws of Leon County, after consultation with state and local  
27 authorities that public health conditions require immediate and expeditious action as a result of a threat  
28 of a public health crisis within Leon County and neighboring counties, I hereby declare that a local  
29 state of emergency exists in Leon County effective at 2 p.m. on March 16, 2020, and will continue to  
30 exist until further notice in accordance with Section 2-307, Leon County Code of Laws.  
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32 THIS PROCLAMATION authorizes the activation of the Leon County Comprehensive  
33 Emergency Management Plan and the exercise of all powers provided by Chapter 252, Florida Statutes,  
34 and Leon County Ordinance 93-16, as codified in Chapter 2, Article VIII of the Code of Laws of Leon  
35 County, Florida, and ratifies the actions previously taken by Leon County in response to the threat of a  
36 public health crisis within Leon County and neighboring counties.  
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38 Dated, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.  
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LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

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By: \_\_\_\_\_

Bryan Desloge, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners

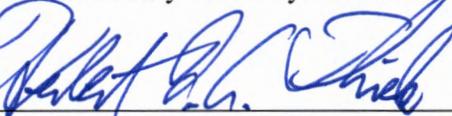
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Gwendolyn Marshall, Clerk of Court  
& Comptroller, Leon County, Florida

By: \_\_\_\_\_



APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
Leon County Attorney's Office

By: \_\_\_\_\_



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