

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING A CONTINUING  
LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY  
COVID-19**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida (the "Board") has adopted the Emergency Management Ordinance, being codified in Chapter 2, Article VIII of the Code of Laws of Leon County, Florida (the "Ordinance"), providing authorization for the Board or its designee to declare an extension to a previously issued declaration of local State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, Leon County declared a local State of Emergency effective March 16, 2020, at 2:00 p.m., for a period of seven days, to authorize continued coordination with state and other local authorities and to take all actions necessary to address the threat of a public health crisis resulting from COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, there currently exists in Leon County an emergency as defined in the Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, a prompt and efficient response and recovery is necessary to safeguard lives and property affected by the emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT to the authority conferred by Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 2, Article VIII of the Code of Laws of Leon County, Florida, as Chairman of the Leon County Board of County Commissioners, and pursuant to Section 2-306 of the Code of Laws of Leon County, after consultation with state and local authorities, I find that a local State of Emergency continues to exist requiring immediate and expeditious action as a result of the threat of a public health crisis within Leon County and neighboring counties, and will continue to exist for a period of seven days, effective 2:00 p.m. on March 23, 2020, in accordance with Section 2-307 of the Code of Laws of Leon County.

THIS PROCLAMATION authorizes the continued activation of the Leon County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and the exercise of all powers provided by Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 2, Article VIII of the Code of Laws of Leon County, Florida.

Dated this 23rd day of March, 2020.

LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA



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

Bryan Desloge, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners

ATTESTED BY:

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

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

Gwendolyn Marshall

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Leon County Attorney's Office

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