EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 2020-06  
ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

WHEREAS, Emergency Order 2020-01 declared a local state of emergency based on the COVID-19 virus on March 16th; and,

WHEREAS, Emergency Order 2020-02, 2020-03 and 2020-04 adopted certain restrictions on restaurants and bars which were established by the Governor’s office and were intended to coordinate with the City of Gainesville’s Emergency Directives; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to §252.38(5)(a) Florida Statutes, provides that the County has the authority to take whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the public; and,

WHEREAS, the Governor has issued Emergency Order 68-71 closing bars and restaurants to the public for on premises dining and alcohol sales; and,

WHEREAS, the Governor’s order has the effect of superseding the orders of the Board of County Commissioners; and,

WHEREAS, the Chair of the County Commission is the Official Authority as prescribed in the County’s Code §27.07; and,

WHEREAS, Pursuant to §252.38(1), Florida Statutes provides that the County shall have jurisdictional authority over the entire county.

THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Based upon the Governor’s Emergency order 20-71 the Board of County Commissioner withdraws those parts of its previous orders concerning the sale of alcohol and on premises dining.

2. Bar and Restaurant owners are encouraged to read the Governor’s order to understand what commercial activities are allowed and what are not.

Dated this 30th day of March 2020 at 4:12 p.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

By:  
Robert Hutchinson, Chairman

ATTEST: J.K. “JESS” IRBY, Esq.  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By:  
Deputy Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

County Attorney’s Office