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RESOLUTION NO. 3700

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROCLAIMING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY IN RESPONSE TO THE THREAT OF CORONAVIRUS ("COVID-19")

WHEREAS, Bay County is a political subdivision of the State of Florida, and pursuant to Chapter 252 Florida Statutes, "State Emergency Management Act" and the "Emergency Services Ordinance of Bay County, Florida" codified at Section 15-101 et al., Bay County Code ("Act"), is authorized to find and declare a local state of emergency in Bay County and exercise those powers conferred by Florida Statutes, Chapter 252 and the Act; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a severe acute respiratory illness that can spread among humans through respiratory transmission and presents itself with symptoms similar to those of influenza; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared the COVID-19 outbreak to be a worldwide pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-51 declaring that a public health emergency exists in the State of Florida due to reported cases of COVID-19 in the State ; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-52 declaring that a state of emergency exists throughout the State of Florida due to the spread of COVID-19 in the State and its imminent threat to the health and welfare of Florida citizens ; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Bay County, finds that a state of local emergency exists and recognizes that the potential spread of COVID-19 within the County could pose a threat to the health and welfare of the citizens of Bay County; and

**WHEREAS**, Bay County must enact emergency plans and take emergency action in order to stop the spread of COVID-19 in Bay County and to prepare adequate supplies and facilities to respond and treat COVID-19 patients in the event it becomes necessary; and

**WHEREAS** this emergency requires coordination with and the assistance of the Bay County Health department, and municipal, state, and federal agencies, to effect proper planning and protection for the citizens of Bay County.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Bay County, Florida that:

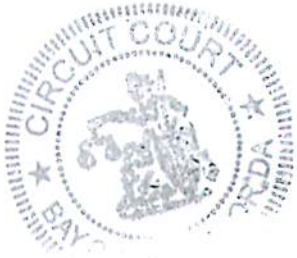
1. The imminent health threat of COVID-19 poses a serious threat to the health and welfare of Bay County citizens and that a state of local emergency is hereby declared pursuant to the authority of Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, and Bay County Code Chapter 15, effective immediately for the incorporated and unincorporated areas of Bay County; and

2. The provisions of Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, Bay County Code Chapter 15, and the provisions of the Bay County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan shall be implemented and the Chairman, County Manager, and Emergency Management staff

shall consult with and assist the Bay County Health Department, the Florida Health Department and the Florida Department of Emergency Management; and

3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately and shall remain in effect for seven days unless extended or rescinded.

Adopted this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BAY COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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Philip "Griff" Griffiths, Chairman

ATTEST:

Approved as to form:

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Bill Kinsaul, ClerkHandwritten signature of the County Attorney in blue ink.  
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County Attorney