

**RESOLUTION # 2020-10
CALHOUN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**RESOLUTION DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY
COVID-19**

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (“WHO”) raised its assessment of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) threat from high to very high and declared a public health emergency of international concern related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has declared the potential public health threat posed by COVID-19 as “high,” both in the United States and throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services declared that a public health emergency exists nationwide as a result of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the United States; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis issues Executive Order 20-51, declaring that appropriate measures to control the spread of COVID-19 in the state of Florida are necessary, and therefore directed that a Public Health Emergency be declared in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a threat to the public health of Calhoun County residents, workers, and visitors; and

WHEREAS, Section 252.38, Florida Statutes, states that “safeguarding the life and property of [the County’s] citizens is an innate responsibility of the governing body of each political subdivision of the state” and further grants to the County the power to provide for the health and safety of persons and property and to waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required of the County pertaining to taking whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the community.

NOW THEREFORE, IT BE RESOLVED this 17th day of March, 2020, that the COVID-19 pandemic poses a serious threat to the health and lives of residents and guests of Calhoun County and that a State of Local Emergency is declared effective this 17th day of March, 2020, for all the territory within the legal boundaries of Calhoun County, including all of the unincorporated and incorporated areas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Calhoun County, through its designated Policy Group, hereby incorporate the above WHEREAS clauses herein and hereby authorize the exercise of its authority and powers pursuant to Florida Statutes 252.38(3)(a) which include the authority and powers to:

[1] **CONTRACTS, EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES:** Appropriately expend funds; make contracts; obtain and distribute equipment, materials and supplies for Emergency Management purposes; provide health and safety of persons and property, including emergency assistance to the victims of any emergencies; and direct and coordinate the development of emergency management plans and programs in accordance with the policies and plans set by the Federal and State Emergency Management Agencies.

[2] **ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL:** Appoint, employ, remove, or provide (with or without compensation), coordinators, rescue teams, fire and police personnel, and other Emergency Management workers.

[3] **EMERGENCY OPERATING CENTERS:** Establish as necessary, a primary and one or more secondary emergency operating centers to provide continuity of government and direction and control of emergency operations.

[4] **ASSIGNMENT – COUNTY PROPERTY/PERSONNEL:** Assign and make available for duty the offices and agencies which operate under the Board of County Commissioners of Calhoun County, including employees, property, and equipment thereof relating to sheltering, firefighting, engineering, rescue, health, medical and related services, police, transportation, construction, and similar items or services for emergency operation purposes, as the

primary emergency management forces of Calhoun County for employment within or outside the political limits of Calhoun County.

[5] REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE: Request for assistance or invoke emergency related mutual aid assistance by declaring a state of local emergency in the event of emergency effecting Calhoun County. The Local State of Emergency will remain in effect within the legal boundaries of Calhoun County, Florida for seven (7) days from the date hereof and may be extended as necessary in seven (7) day increments. The Emergency Management Director as well as the Calhoun County Board of County Commissioners Chairman is hereby authorized to execute extensions of the Local State of Emergency as deemed necessary.

[6] WAIVER OF PROCEDURES AND FORMALITIES OTHERWISE REQUIRED: Due to the Local State of Emergency, effective immediately, the procedures and formalities required of the County by law or ordinance are hereby waived as they pertain to:

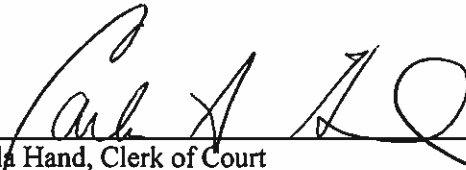
- (a) Performance of public work and taking whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the community, including but not limited to denying or revoking permits for public gatherings and/or cancelling mass gathering taking place in Calhoun County during the Local State of Emergency. A mass gathering is defined as two hundred and fifty (250) people or greater, however, this number is subject to amendment should the circumstances of the situation change;
- (b) Entering into contract;
- (c) Incurring obligations;
- (d) Employment of permanent and temporary workers;
- (e) Utilization of volunteer workers;
- (f) Rental of equipment;
- (g) Acquisition and distribution, with or without compensation, of supplies, materials and facilities; and
- (h) Appropriation and expenditure of public funds.

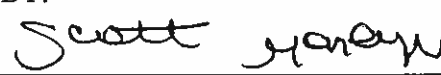
Alterations or Rescission

This declaration of a Local State of Emergency may be altered or rescinded either by the issuance of a subsequent Executive Order or by an appropriate Resolution of the Board of County Commissioner.

DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED this 17th of March, 2020 by special order of the County Commissioners in a vote of 4 to 0.

ATTEST:


Carla Hand, Clerk of Court
Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF CALHOUN COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY:

Calhoun County Board of Commissioners