

**DECLARATION OF CONTINUING STATE OF EMERGENCY
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA**

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Palm Beach County declared a local State of Emergency due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic which expires on March 20, 2020, unless extended in 7-day increments pursuant to Section 252.38(3)(a)(5), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the findings and facts set forth therein still apply and are incorporated herein as supplemented and updated by this local Declaration of a Continuing State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic poses significant, imminent, and dangerous threats to the health, safety, and welfare of the inhabitants of Palm Beach County, Florida, visitors and tourists in Palm Beach County, Florida, as well as their real and personal property; and

WHEREAS, since the March 13, 2020, issuance of the local Declaration of a State of Emergency, Palm Beach County COVID-19 cases have risen to 21; and

WHEREAS, as of March 19, 2020, the CDC has reported a total of 7,038 cases of COVID-19 and 97 total deaths from COVID-19 in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County's Division of Emergency Management has been preparing and responding to the pandemic since January 2020 beginning with a activation of critical staff to begin a coordinated response with the Palm Beach County Department of Health, local partners, law enforcement, administration, municipal partners, the State Department of Emergency Management, the Federal government and others; and

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County's Division of Emergency Management has activated additional staff for a public information line to assist the Department of Health and the community to understand and obtain information on COVID-19, testing, symptoms, transmission and other commonly asked questions that have overwhelmed the medical community and government offices; and

WHEREAS, the local emergency is continuing and it is necessary to continue the local state of emergency for an additional seven days.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DECLARED that pursuant to Palm Beach County Code Article II, Section 9-35:

1. The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein by reference.

2. The Palm Beach County State of Emergency Declaration is hereby extended by 7 days pursuant to Section 252.38(3)(a)(5), Florida Statutes; and shall continue in full force and effect through March 27, 2020.

2. This Declaration shall expire at the date and time set forth herein unless further extended or terminated by the Board of County Commissioners, the Mayor, Vice Mayor or County Administrator as permitted in the Palm Beach County Code.

3. This Declaration shall be filed with the Clerk of the Court.

PALM BEACH COUNTY

By: 
Mayor Dave Kerner

March 19, 2020
Date

**APPROVED AS TO
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY**

By: 
County Attorney

APPROVED AS TO TERMS & CONDITIONS

By: 
County Administrator

**ATTEST
CLERK & COMPTROLLER**

By: _____
Deputy Clerk