

GULF COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
RESOLUTION: 2020-08

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GULF COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION, STATE OF FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO GULF COUNTY'S LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION AND ITS IMPACT ON LOCAL MATERIAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES INCLUSIVE OF EMERGENCY RESPONSE PERSONEL AND HEALTH AND MEDICAL CARE SERVICE PROVIDERS; AND DECLARING SELF QUARANTINE GUIDELINES FOR VISITORS TO GULF COUNTY.**

**WHEREAS**, a national state of emergency has been declared in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic and pursuant to the federal public health and safety agencies under President Trump's direction as well as the state emergency declaration and actions since taken by Governor DeSantis, Gulf County seeks to immediately enact those emergency and protective measures for Gulf County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners has declared a local state of emergency on March 18, 2020 in immediate response to the COVID-19 global pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, the Gulf County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan has been activated for the event herein stated above pursuant to the "Local State of Emergency Proclamation" and authorization issued by the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners (the Board) thereby issuing themselves, the Gulf County Administrator and his representatives the power, authorities and duties to take any and all action under the plan necessary for the preservation of the health, welfare and safety of the people and property of Gulf County; and

**WHEREAS**, Gulf County Board of County Commissioners thereafter adopted Emergency Ordinance 20-02 closing Gulf County beaches in further response and issuing Emergency Order 20-01 implementing the Gulf County beach closures; and

**WHEREAS**, there is necessity for further action of this Commission for continued prompt and efficient responses and recovery in order to safeguard lives and property affected by this pandemic including but not limited to the necessary restrictions, closures and as deemed necessary engagement and contracting of third party vendors for protection and preservation of Gulf County life and property subject to the waivers and authority stated herein above; and,

**WHEREAS**, the authority and instructions provided by this Board shall include to direct all local and jurisdictional agencies under this County to place any and all available resources under the authority of the Director and or County Administrator as needed to meet this emergency.

**WHEREAS**, Gulf County Board of County Commissioners recognize the immediate necessity and limited availability of the material and human resources available to the residents of Gulf County; and

**WHEREAS**, Gulf County Board of County Commissioners recognize and emphasize their primary concern and care is for the health, safety and well-being of every resident of Gulf County during this global pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, Gulf County Board of County Commissioners recognize the continued recovery from Hurricane Michael for many families in Gulf County it is vitally important that this Commission support all measures to protect and support the local residents of our rebuilding communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Gulf County Board of County Commissioners acknowledge the great sacrifice and immediate financial harm for many during this outbreak, that this Commission and the residents of Gulf County must do all it can to place the protection and well-being of Gulf County residents above all other competing interests; and

**WHEREAS**, Gulf County Board of County Commissioners have already taken multiple preventative steps in the effort to prevent COVID-19, this Commission in cooperation with the Governor have actively promoted community wide social distancing, have closed all beaches and heavily restricted access to dining, shopping and leisure activities; and

**WHEREAS**, Gulf County Board of County Commissioners have identified the limited material and human resources available to our residents and equally as important for those charged with caring for our residents during the initial stages of this pandemic; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the County Commission of Gulf County, of the State of Florida, with unanimous support and great conviction state the following:

1. The commission will continue to support and recommend the closing of its beaches and other public attractions and places of group gatherings and congregation and minimize and limit public exposure until it is a safe environment for all our residents and future visitors.

2. Gulf County as a small rural community cannot manage nor support an influx of visitors beyond its current ability to manage and serve the residents of Gulf County with the limited resources and limited medical system within the current pandemic.

3. Gulf County Board of County Commissioners emphatically advising ALL VISITORS (regardless of day trips and extended stays) to stay home in their primary communities, and thereby staying healthy and safe with the proper resources and health care system in place to assist them through this pandemic.


4. Gulf County Board of County Commissioners recognizing the growing number of clusters and spread for the pandemic with additional states and regions being added by the President Trump, responsible federal agencies and Governor DeSantis' executive orders on a

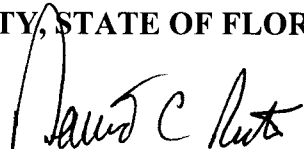
day to day basis, hereby advise and direct any and all individuals that enter Gulf County to a mandatory self-quarantine for no less than the CDC guidelines of fourteen (14) days upon entry into Gulf County. This list currently includes any and all international locations as well as New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, California, Washington, Georgia and Louisiana and any additional states or regions hereinafter identified.


- 5. A copy of the Resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of this meeting.
- 6. This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

**UNANIMOUSLY PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** at this special meeting of the Gulf County Commission, State of Florida, held on the 26<sup>th</sup>, day of March, 2020.

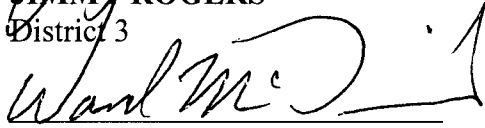
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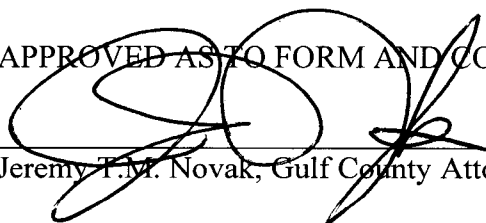
  
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Rebecca L. Norris, Gulf County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CONTENT

  
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