

PROCLAMATION NO. 2020-02

Declaration of Continuing State of Local Emergency

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Hernando County, Florida ("the Board") has adopted the Hernando County Local Emergencies Ordinance, being codified in Chapter 21, Article XII of the Hernando County Code ("the Ordinance"), providing authorization for the Board or its designee to declare an extension to a previously issued declaration of local State of Emergency; and,

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, Hernando County adopted Proclamation 2020-01 which declared a local State of Emergency due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic which expires on March 26, 2020 at 11:59 p.m., unless extended in 7-day increments pursuant to Fla. Stat. § 252.38(3)(a)(5) and Hernando County Code § 21-204(b); and,

WHEREAS, the findings and facts set forth in Proclamation 2020-01 still apply and are incorporated herein as supplemented and updated by this local Declaration of a Continuing State of Emergency; and,

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

WHEREAS, a prompt and efficient response and recovery is necessary to safeguard lives and property affected by the emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority conferred in me as Chairman of the Hernando County Board of County Commissioners by Fla. Stat. Chapter 252 and by the Ordinance, and after consultation with state and local authorities:

- 1. The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein by reference.
- 2. The local State of Emergency due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic declared by Proclamation 2020-01 is hereby extended by 7 days pursuant to Fla. Stat. § 252.38(3)(a)(5) and Hernando County Code § 21-204(b), and shall continue in full force and effect through April 2, 2020, at 11:59 p.m.
- 3. This Declaration shall expire at the date and time set forth herein unless further extended or terminated in the manner provided by law.

DATED this 26th day of March 2020.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA

Attested:

DOUGLAS A. CHORVAT, JR. CLERK OF COURT AND

COMPTROLLER

JOHN MITTEN CHAIRMAN

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency