

RESOLUTION NO. 2020- 29

**A PROCLAMATION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE DECLARATION OF STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, Emergency Management, and Resolution 1992-178, dated September 15, 1992, of the Board of County Commissioners of Lake County, Florida, provide for Local Emergencies; and

**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 March 1, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis issued 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**, under current circumstances, certain people have an increased risk of infection, for example, healthcare providers, first responders, and emergency medical services workers caring for patients with COVID-19 and other close contacts of persons with COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the duty of Lake County to take protective measures, including development incident action response plans, procurement of personal protective equipment, pandemic preventative training and exercise coordination, and similar activities to support the public health and safety of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Lake County, Florida, has determined that a state of emergency exists and hereby declares a Proclamation of Local Emergency.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Lake County Board of County Commissioners hereby resolves, finds, and declares:

**Section 1. Emergency Declaration.** The Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) poses a serious threat to the health of the residents and visitors of Lake County. A Local State of Emergency is declared effective immediately.

**Section 2. Effective Date; Duration.** The Local State of Emergency will remain in effect within the legal boundaries of Lake County, Florida, for seven (7) days from the date hereof and may be extended by Executive Order as necessary in seven (7) day increments.

**Section 3. 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:

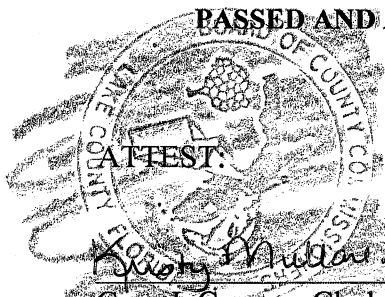
- (a) Performance of public work and taking whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the community;

- (b) Entering into contracts;
- (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.

**Section 4. Alterations of 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 Commissioners.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA



*Gary J. Cooney*  
 Gary J. Cooney, Clerk  
 Board of County Commissioners of  
 Lake County, Florida

*Leslie Campione*  
 Leslie Campione, Chairman

This 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

Approved as to form and legality:

*Melanie Marsh*  
 Melanie Marsh, County Attorney