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RESOLUTION NO. 2020-33

**EMERGENCY ORDER REQUIRING SOCIAL DISTANCING AND
ADHERENCE TO THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND
PREVENTION GUIDELINES TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19**

WHEREAS, Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, Emergency Management governs Local Emergencies;
and

WHEREAS, Lake County is currently under a State of Emergency pursuant to Executive Order No. 20-51, as declared by Governor DeSantis on March 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 2020-29, dated March 16, 2020, of the Board of County Commissioners of Lake County, Florida, declared a local state of emergency in response to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 ("COVID-19"); and

WHEREAS, Resolution 2020-30, dated March 23, 2020, of the Board of County Commissioners of Lake County, Florida, extended the local state of emergency for an additional seven (7) days due to the ongoing health threat to those within the County related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-83 to reinforce the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines implemented as part of the "15 Days to Slow the Spread" initiative; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 continues to pose an imminent health hazard and an increased risk of infection to residents of the County and healthcare, first responders, and emergency medical service workers caring for patients with COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, public health experts have consistently recommended avoiding close physical interaction between people to slow the spread of COVID-19, and the CDC has updated and further restricted its distancing guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the CDC has stated that older adults and people of any age with serious underlying medical conditions are particularly at risk for severe illness or death from COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Board of County Commissioners is committed to supporting local businesses that follow social distancing practices and that pursue business practices that safely serve consumers during this public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Board also recognizes that recreational activities are a necessary part of maintaining good health; and

WHEREAS, the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Lake County, Florida, has determined that it is necessary to issue this Emergency Order to: protect the health and safety of the residents and visitors of Lake County, Florida; to assist the healthcare delivery system in its ability to serve those persons infected by COVID-19; to prevent community spread of this deadly disease; and to preserve the

1 public's access to essential services and maintain the operation of critical infrastructure.

2 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners
3 of Lake County, Florida, that:

4 **Section 1. Minimum Standards for Businesses.** All businesses in Lake County may remain
5 open under the following conditions:

- 6 1. All employees and patrons must practice social distancing by staying at least six (6) feet
7 apart.
- 8 2. Group meetings, including trainings, must be limited to ten (10) people or less, and
9 attendees must practice social distancing by staying at least six (6) feet apart.
- 10 3. Occupancy shall be limited to 30% of the maximum allowable capacity under the fire code,
11 for non-residential, non-medical, and non-lodging uses; provided, however, that this
12 requirement will not apply to grocery stores, pharmacies or hardware stores.
- 13 4. Occupancy for grocery stores, pharmacies, or hardware stores shall be limited to a rate that
14 allows for the maintenance of at least six (6) feet between patrons and employees.
- 15 5. Checkout points and staging areas, including storefronts, must be monitored for social
16 distancing requirements by means of marking floors or similar actions to maintain six (6)
17 feet distance between patrons and employees.
- 18 6. Appropriate signage must be posted throughout each physical location reminding patrons
19 and employees to observe the social distancing requirements.

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21 **Section 2. Minimum Standards for Individuals.** Social gatherings must be limited to no more
22 than ten (10) persons and all persons must stay at least six (6) feet away from each other.

23 **Section 3. Boating Restrictions.** All boaters using any waterway in Lake County shall comply
24 with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Executive Order 20-09 which requires the
25 following:

- 26 1. Recreational vessel occupancy is limited to no more than 10 persons per vessel.
- 27 2. A minimum distance of 50 feet between recreational vessels and any other vessel shall be
28 maintained; provided, however, this distance does not apply to mooring fields, public or
29 private marinas, or any other permanent installed wet slips, and does not apply to vessels
30 underway unless they are tied, rafted or moored to another vessel.

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32 **Section 4. Penalties.** Businesses and individuals that do not comply with this Order on a
33 consistent basis are subject to monetary fines up to \$500 per occurrence, in accordance with Section 125.69,
34 Florida Statutes, Section 252.47, Florida Statutes, and Section 252.50, Florida Statutes. Repeat violations
35 could result in the issuance of a mandatory closure order in accordance with Section 252.46, Florida Statutes.
36 This Order is enforceable by an any county or municipal law enforcement official, code enforcement official,
37 and emergency management official.

38 **Section 5. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall take effect upon signature and shall remain in
39 effect throughout the Local State of Emergency, unless earlier rescinded.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED this 30th day of March, 2020.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Leslie Campione
Leslie Campione, Chairman

This 30th day of March, 2020.

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Gary J. Cooney, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners
of Lake County, Florida



Approved as to form and legality:

M Marsh
Melanie Marsh, County Attorney

