

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-R-078**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA, RETROACTIVELY APPROVING AND RATIFYING THE CHAIRMAN’S DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY DATED MARCH 16, 2020, AND FURTHER DELEGATING TO THE CHAIR THE AUTHORITY TO EXTEND THE DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY EVERY SEVEN DAYS, AS NECESSARY AS PROVIDED HEREIN.**

**WHEREAS**, in response to the imminent public health threat posed by the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners executed a MARION COUNTY DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY on March 16, 2020, a copy of which is attached hereto as Ex. A, and incorporated herein by reference; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida Statute subsection 252.38(3), enumerating the emergency management powers of political subdivisions, provides at subparagraph (a)5, in part, “[t]he duration of each state of emergency declared locally is limited to 7 days; it may be extended, as necessary, in 7 day increments.” and,

**WHEREAS**, Section 5 of the March 16, 2020 Declaration of State of Emergency provided for the extension of the Declaration by the Board of County Commissioners; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board recognizes that the Board does not regularly meet every seven days, and emergency circumstances may require more timely action than afforded by regular Board meetings, and on occasion, even emergency Board meetings;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA:**

Section 1. The Board hereby retroactively approves and ratifies the Chairman’s DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY dated March 16, 2020.

Section 2. The Chairman of the Board is hereby delegated the authority to extend such Declaration in seven day increments as necessary, after determining the need therefore, based on the latest information from the Director of the Division of

Emergency Management. Each such extension shall be documented by written memoranda to the Director of the Division of Emergency Management, with copies to all Board members, the County Administrator and the Clerk of Circuit Court. The Board retains the authority to rescind any such extension by majority vote at any regular or emergency meeting of the Board.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

**Declared and adopted** this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

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KATHY BRYANT, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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DAVID R. ELLSPERMANN  
CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT