



**MARTIN COUNTY
EMERGENCY ORDER 20-02**

**AN ORDER AND DECLARATION REGARDING THE CONTINUITY OF COUNTY
BUSINESS DURING THE COVID-19 LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, Section 51.4.C., General Ordinances, Martin County Code, authorizes the Director of the Emergency Management Agency to issue any such orders as are deemed necessary to protect life and property and preserve critical resources; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Management Director has determined that a State of Local Emergency exists within Martin County; and

WHEREAS, Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a severe acute respiratory illness that can spread among humans through respiratory transmission and presents with symptoms similar to those of influenza; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) has declared a pandemic related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) 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, directing that a Public Health Emergency be declared in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-52, declaring a State of Emergency in the State of Florida regarding the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, it is the duty of Martin County to take protective measures – including activation of the emergency operations center, procurement of personal protective equipment, consequence management, and similar activities to support the public health and safety of the community; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has declared a State of Emergency for the Country to address the public health threat to the United States of America as a result of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, President Donald J. Trump and the Centers for Disease Control (“CDC”) issued the 15 Days to Slow the Spread guidance advising individuals to adopt far-reaching social distancing measures, such as working from home and avoiding gatherings of more than 10 people; and

WHEREAS, a threat of impact from COVID-19 exists throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 poses a danger to life and the economic well-being of Martin County residents; and

WHEREAS, Martin County began implementing preparations to address the serious public health threat on January 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, Martin County declared a local state of emergency in response to the COVID-19 efforts; and

WHEREAS, although there is a declared state of emergency, the County needs to continue to operate business and provide services to the fullest extent possible by altering the modes of methods of providing County services to ensure the health, safety and welfare of employees and the community.

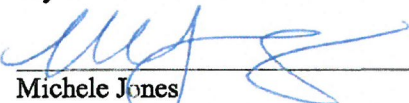
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The County will continue operations and providing services but will alter the modes and methods of providing such services in accordance Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommendations for social distancing to limit the spread of COVID-19 to protect the health and welfare of our employees, residents, and visitors.
2. The County shall take any action necessary or appropriate in the management of County business and the direction of its work force to ensure measures are taken to protect from COVID-19.
3. All employees are expected to work the normal number of hours typically worked unless directly impacted by COVID-19.
4. Based on the current state of emergency, Department Directors will keep operations intact and are delegated the authority to make the necessary and appropriate modifications to working policies, methods and procedures to ensure services are provided and County business continues to the fullest extent possible but with the safety and welfare of employees, residents, and visitors a top priority.
5. Department Directors will also continue to operate within the scope of the Emergency Management through the Emergency Operations Center to ensure a coordinated response and recovery mechanism for our community.
6. The County will adhere to all federal, state and local laws and directives resulting from COVID-19.

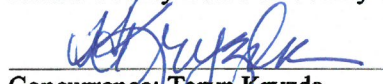
This Order shall be filed in the office of the Clerk of Circuit Court and Comptroller and thereafter have full force and effect of law.

If any provision of this Emergency Order is invalidated by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions of the Order, which shall continue to have the full force and effect of law.

I, Michele Jones, Emergency Management Director do hereby exercise my authority under Section 51.4.C., General Ordinances, Martin County Code and issue this Emergency Order 20-02 this 23rd day of March 2020.



Michele Jones
Emergency Management Director
Martin County Board of County Commissioners



Concurrence: Taryn Kryzda
County Administrator
Martin County Board of County Commissioners

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