

EXECUTIVE ORDER EXTENDING THE DECLARED LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) continues to pose an imminent health risk to residents in Seminole County and neighboring communities; and

WHEREAS, under current circumstances, certain people will have an increased risk of infection, for example healthcare, first responders, and emergency medical services workers caring for patients with COVID-19 and other close contacts of persons with COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Section 252.38(3)(a)(5), Florida Statutes, provides authority for counties to declare a Local State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, Section 72.4, Seminole County Code, grants the authority to declare a local state of emergency to the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners; or the Vice-Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners in the event of incapacitation or unavailability of the Chairman; or in the event of the unavailability or incapacitation of both the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman, then the Commissioner who has served for the longest continual period; and

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2020, a Local State of Emergency was declared under the provisions of Chapter 72, Seminole County Code, due to the serious health threat to those within the County arising from and related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Executive Order No. 2020-02 extended the Local State of Emergency for seven (7) days.

NOW, THEREFORE, BY THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

Section 1. Extension of Declared Local State of Emergency. Due to the continued health risk to the residents of Seminole County due to COVID-19, Seminole County continues to develop action response plans, procure personal protective equipment, undergo pandemic preventative training and exercise coordination, and conduct similar activities to support the public health and safety of the community, an extension to the Declared Local State of Emergency is effective immediately. The Local State of Emergency will remain in effect within the legal boundaries of Seminole 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 2. Waiver of Procedures and Formalities Otherwise Required. Due to the extension of the Local State of Emergency, the procedures and formalities required of the County by law or ordinance continue to be 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 3. Alterations or Rescission. This Extension of the Declared 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.

ORDERED this 15th day of March, 2020; at 11:51 AM.

By: _____

Jay Zembower, Chairman
Seminole County Board of County Commissioners