

**ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**DECLARATION EXTENDING STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY**  
**(COVID-19 Public Health Emergency)**

**WHEREAS**, in preparation for Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), the Public Safety Director of St. Lucie County, Florida issued a Declaration declaring a state of local emergency, dated March 17, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, On March 1, 2020, the Governor of the State of Florida issued Executive Order Number 20-51 directing the Florida Department of Health to issue a Public Health Emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, On March 1, 2020, the State Surgeon General and State Health Officer declared a Public Health Emergency exists in the State of Florida as a result of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, On March 7, 2020, the Governor of the State of Florida directed the Director of the Division of Emergency Management to activate the State of Emergency Operations Center to Level 2 to provide coordination and response to the COVID-19 emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, As of March 13, 2020, seventeen counties in Florida have positive cases for COVID-19, and COVID-19 poses a risk to the entire state of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, extending the declaration of state and local emergency facilitates the County's ability to effectively respond to emergency conditions and otherwise implement emergency protective measures to mitigate future losses.

**NOW THEREFORE**, in accordance with the emergency power vested in the County pursuant to Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, it is hereby declared that:

1. The state of local emergency declared on March 17, 2020 extended by emergency declarations every seventh day thereafter is hereby extended for 7 days from the

effective date of this Declaration, unless terminated or modified earlier or extended in accordance with law.

2. All emergency powers authorized by the Declaration of March 17, 2020 declaring a state of local emergency, and extended every seventh date thereafter are hereby retained and continued for the duration of this Declaration.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in St. Lucie County, Florida, the 24th day of March, 2020 at 9:00 am.



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Ron Parrish  
Public Safety Director