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RESOLUTION 2020- 24

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Walton County is empowered by Chapter 252 of the Florida Statutes to declare a state of local emergency; and

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

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention 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, declaring that appropriate measures to control the spread of COVID-19 in the State of Florida are necessary, and therefore directed 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, 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, it is the duty of Walton County to take protective measures - including activation of the emergency operation 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, Walton County is encountering an impending serious threat to the health of the residents and visitors of Walton County and;

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

WHEREAS, certain specialized equipment and personnel may be required to adequately respond to the needs of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, other measures may have to be taken in order to mitigate the potential for causing further threatening conditions within the County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Walton County resolves that it is necessary to declare a state of emergency from 2:30 a.m./p.m. (C.D.T.) 3/16/20 2020 and ending on 3/23/2020, 2020, at 2:30 a.m./p.m. (C.D.T.) because the County will be impacted to such an extent that resources from the State will be needed to assist with the emergency response and recovery, and the County also needs all the powers available to a County under a State of Emergency declaration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Walton County, Florida, does hereby proclaim:

1. That a local state of emergency exists in Walton County, Florida, from ^{12:30pm} 3/16/2020 a.m./p.m. (C.D.T.) _____, 2020 and ending on 3/23/, 2020, at 2:30 a.m./p.m. (C.D.T.) due to the COVID-19 pandemic;
2. That the Board of County Commissioners of Walton County, Florida, hereby enlists the aid of the Honorable Governor of the State of Florida, the State Cabinet, and our Federal Representatives in Washington, D.C., for assistance in its time of need; and
3. That pursuant to Section 252.38(3), Florida Statutes (2015), during this State of Emergency, the Walton County Board of County Commissioners hereby waives the procedures and formalities otherwise required of Walton County by law pertaining to:
 - a. Performance of public works, 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,

to the extent necessary to carry out County functions necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community and to protect lives and property.

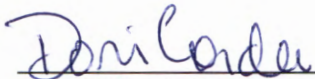
4. That this local State of Emergency shall exist and remain in effect for a period of seven (7) days from 2:30 a.m./p.m. (C.D.T.) 3/16/2020, 2016 and ending on 3/23/2020, 2018, at 2:30 a.m./p.m. (C.D.T.).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of County Commissioners of Walton County, Florida, has caused this resolution to be enacted and executed on this 16 day March, 2020.



W.N. "Bill" Chapman, Chair
WALTON COUNTY BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:



for Alex Alford, Clerk of Circuit Court
And County Comptroller