

RESOLUTION NO. 20 - 17

WHEREAS, in order to fully and effectively respond to the developing threats posed by the novel coronavirus and its associated disease (COVID-19), and in coordination with ongoing emergency actions by the state and federal governments, the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners passed Resolution 20-16 declaring a local state of emergency in Pinellas County (Resolution); and

WHEREAS, in the time since the Resolution was passed, additional cases of COVID-19 have been identified in Pinellas County, and the threat to the public health continues to require dynamic emergency response, including the maintenance of existing orders and the ability to impose additional orders as conditions require; and

WHEREAS, current public health recommendations include the cancellation of public gatherings of greater than 10 people; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 34 of the Pinellas County Code sets forth provisions for the designation of an official authority, as well as to ensure the readiness of Pinellas County, provide for the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare, and preserve the lives and property of the people of Pinellas County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND DECLARED by the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County, Florida, this 19th day of March 2020:

1.) That effective March 20, 2020 at 11:59 p.m., and extending through April 6, 2020 at 11:59 p.m, all public beaches located within Pinellas County and public beach parking are closed.

2.) That the State of Florida is asked to close Honeymoon Island State Park including Caladesi Island, for the duration that public beaches remain closed in Pinellas County.

3.) That those in control of private beaches are encouraged to continue to follow the most current Center for Disease Control guidance regarding social distancing and hazard mitigation.

Commissioner Seel offered the foregoing Resolution and moved its adoption, which was seconded by Commissioner Welch, and upon roll call the vote was:

AYES: Gerard, Eggers, Justice, Long, Peters, Seel, and Welch.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: None.

4:25 P.M.
[time]

Or, in the absence of a quorum of the Board of County Commissioners, and in accordance with Pinellas County Code Section 34-27:

Ordered this ____ day of _____ 2020, at _____ a.m./p.m.

Official Authority

APPROVED AS TO FORM

By: 

Office of the County Attorney